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1 John 2:28 (NKJV)

**28**And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

*Abide in Him.*

# John 15:1-4 (NKJV)

**15**“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

**2**Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

**3**You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

**4**Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

*If the believer is fruitful, he is pruned to bear more fruit, if he is fruitless, he is taken away or removed from the vine.*

*We cannot bear fruit unless we abide in Him.*

# Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)

**22**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

**23**gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

# John 15:5-7 (NKJV)

**5**“I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

**6**If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

**7**If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

*All believers must remain in Him in order to bring forth fruit, it is not of us but from the Greater One in and through us. If any man does not abide in Him he is cast forth as a branch and is withered and burned.*

# Revelation 3:14-22 (NKJV)

**14**“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

**15**“I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

**16**So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

**17**Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

**18**I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, *that* the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

**19**As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.Therefore be zealous and repent.

**20**Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

**21**To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

**22**“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

*4 things in these verses you see in the world today:*

*People are:*

*Neither cold or hot.*

*They are lukewarm and nauseating.*

*Proud and self-satisfied.*

*Ignorant of the true state of their relationship with God.*

*We are in the lukewarm church age.*