

I hope you are having a wonderful week.

This past week enjoyed sharing a message in John chapter 15 about the vine and the branches. Scripture tells us that God is the gardener, Christ is the vine, and you and I are the branches. Then we are to go and bear fruit. I found it interesting to point out that if you take away the vine, there can't be any branches, and then there can't be any fruit. Remember the whole goal is to bear fruit. So are you bearing fruit in your life? Are you impacting the lives of others? How many people have you invested in? As Christians we are called to fulfill this fruit bearing job. In fulfilling this, we are being disciples and also making disciples.

After reading about the vine and branches, it made me think about another thought. If I had to be a plant or a tree what kind would I be? Would I be a cactus, so prickly that nobody would get close to me? Would I be poison ivy, causing problems wherever I go? How about an Oak tree, deeply rooted, strong and stable? Maybe I would be an artificial plant, looking pretty, but more fake than real? I may be Aloe Vera, attracting people with my gentle care, or I could be wilted, so lifeless that I'm almost dead. Then I thought, I could be a fruit tree, so fruitful that I was adding to Christ Kingdom continually.

Something that we all have to remember is that other people will see the branches with the fruit on them, before they see the vine. It doesn't always work like that, but for the most part it does. Others will see you living a life that glorifies God, and then they will want to do the same. If you had to be a plant or a tree what kind do think you would be?

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23)

May God Bless You! Pastor Eric