

“Can You Be Pruned?” By Kirk Hunt

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.

John 15:2 NKJV

Too often, God’s people see the less-than-pleasant events of their lives as, bad, negative or an attack. We do not often enough see the events of our lives as God’s plan for our improvement. This Scripture bluntly says that the pruning of a saint is a good thing.

John does not say that pruning is a pleasant or joyful experience. In fact, pruning is defined as, “the selective removal of parts.” All of the real word implements of plant [pruning](#) have sharp, cutting edges. Some have motors or engines. Please, do the math.

Still, John does say that afterwards, you will bear more fruit. Too often, saints covet the visible stature and success of Godly brothers and sisters. Too often, saints flee the pruning that makes “more fruit” possible.

As important as developing a gift or talent is, refining character and integrity is far more significant. Godly character will carry you through when no level of talent can. Righteous integrity will guide you when no amount of giftedness will do the job.

God wants to make you beautiful and bountiful. Be glad when you see Him approaching with the saws, shears and clippers. Or, at least, hold still and trust Him and His plan to make you more than you are.

Think: His pruning will make me more, and better, than I am.

Pray: “Lord, do what it takes for me to bear more fruit, in You.”

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