

**Where Christians Get It Wrong**  
**“Christian-ish” – Part 5**  
**August 31, 2025**

**John 15:5&8 (NIV)** *“I am the Vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. <sup>8</sup> This is to My Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples.”*

**Matthew 7:16-17 (NIV)** *“By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.”*

**People won't just know you by what you say,  
but by how you live.**

**Galatians 5:22-23 (NASB)** *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”*

**When others look at you, what do they see?**

**Romans 8:5 (NIV)** *“Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.”*

**Sarx: It means your fleshly nature.**

**Your fleshly nature wants to do what is selfish.**

**Your Spiritual nature wants to do what is God honoring.**

**Fruit of the Spirit**

Loving  
Joyful  
Peaceful  
Patient  
Kind  
Good  
Faithful  
Gentle  
Self-Controlled

**Fruit of the Flesh**

Selfish  
Frustrated  
Anxious  
Impatient  
Uncaring  
Bad  
Disloyal  
Harsh  
Indulgent

**If you belong to Jesus and you're connected to the Vine,  
there is no excuse for bad fruit.**

**Matthew 7:15 (NIV)** *"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves."*

**Jesus didn't call us to dress up the flesh  
but rather to crucify it.**

**Luke 9:23 (NIV)** *"Then He said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me.'"*

**It is hard to see our blind spots in a mirror.**

**How pleased do you think God is with  
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**How Do We Produce Spiritual Fruit?**

**John 15:5 (NIV)** *"I am the Vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing."*

**Jesus is the Vine.  
We are the branches.**

**The branch needs the Vine to survive.  
The Vine is the source of life for the branch.**

**μένω (meno): remain, abide, dwell, live in**

**Don't focus on production. Focus on CONNECTION.**

**What's your assignment? Be the branch.  
Stay CONNECTED to Jesus.**

- Pray to God
- Worship God
- Read God's Word
- Obey God
- Engage in Christ-Centered Community

**Galatians 5:24-25 (NIV)** *"Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.<sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."*

**Think of this as a divine dance.**