

Mistaken Identity
I am the Vine, You are the Branch

John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches.

1. Connecting with God _____

John 15:4-5 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."

External fruit: Lives are _____

Internal fruit: _____ becomes visible in me

Key: A healthy soul is the _____

Matthew 11:29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Mark 8:37 Is anything worth more than your soul?

I Peter 1:8 We rejoice with joy that is inexpressible...

2. Prioritize and develop _____

a) Bible reading: how _____

Psalms 77:11-12 But then I recall all you have done, O Lord; I remember your wonderful deeds of long ago. They are constantly in my thoughts. I cannot stop thinking about your mighty works.

b) Prayer: how _____

Philippians 3:8 I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord...

c) Serving: how _____

3. _____

Key: I have to be uncomfortable to grow spiritually

Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

How To Make Prayer Meaningless

a) **Make it a check list or make prayer speeches**

Solution: Start with the right focus:

Father, this is not a task for me to complete. This is about love. Loving you and receiving your love. This is about a friendship and relationship with you that I want to build. That's why I'm talking to you. I don't want to make a prayer speech. I want to talk things over with you.

b) **Use only polite words: Inauthentic**

Solution: Be honest! Tell Him everything

c) **Use God to get what you want**

Solution: Remember God is the real treasure

Ephesians 1:17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between **soul** and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

1 Chronicles 28: 9-10 And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the LORD sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him.

Luke 3:21 And as he was praying, heaven was opened...

Galatians 5:25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

2 Corinthians 4:16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.