

Abiding and Trusting in Christ
John 15:1-11



Restedness

The Heart of the Rested Person

The Seasons of Life

The Rhythms of Life

What is restedness?

“Trusting in God fully and falling back on Him for everything”

1. Rested people know that Jesus cares for them
 2. Rested people exercise their faith in Jesus
 3. Rested people have an inner calm
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**What is my role today in this season
of my life?**

Different seasons, one role

Staying connected throughout the
seasons of life.

- Sharing by Kenny, Lawrence and Violet
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The different rhythms in Jesus' life

1. His compassion
 2. His visitations
 3. His healing
 4. His prayer
 5. His preaching
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A vineyard dream

by Kenny Tan

“No wine!” Some flame the ones who drink
“This vine!” Its grapes so sweet I think
If ever flower fruit and fizz
It’ll make a money making biz
I hope and pray and hope again...
A vineyard dream I hold in vain
I guess I’m chill, I’ll make my stand
I still have wines galore at hand





John 15:1-11

I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

3 thoughts

3 characters

1. The vine, the vinedresser, the branches

3 processes

2. The abiding, the pruning, the bearing

3 abundances

3. Fruit, more fruit, much fruit
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3 characters

The vine

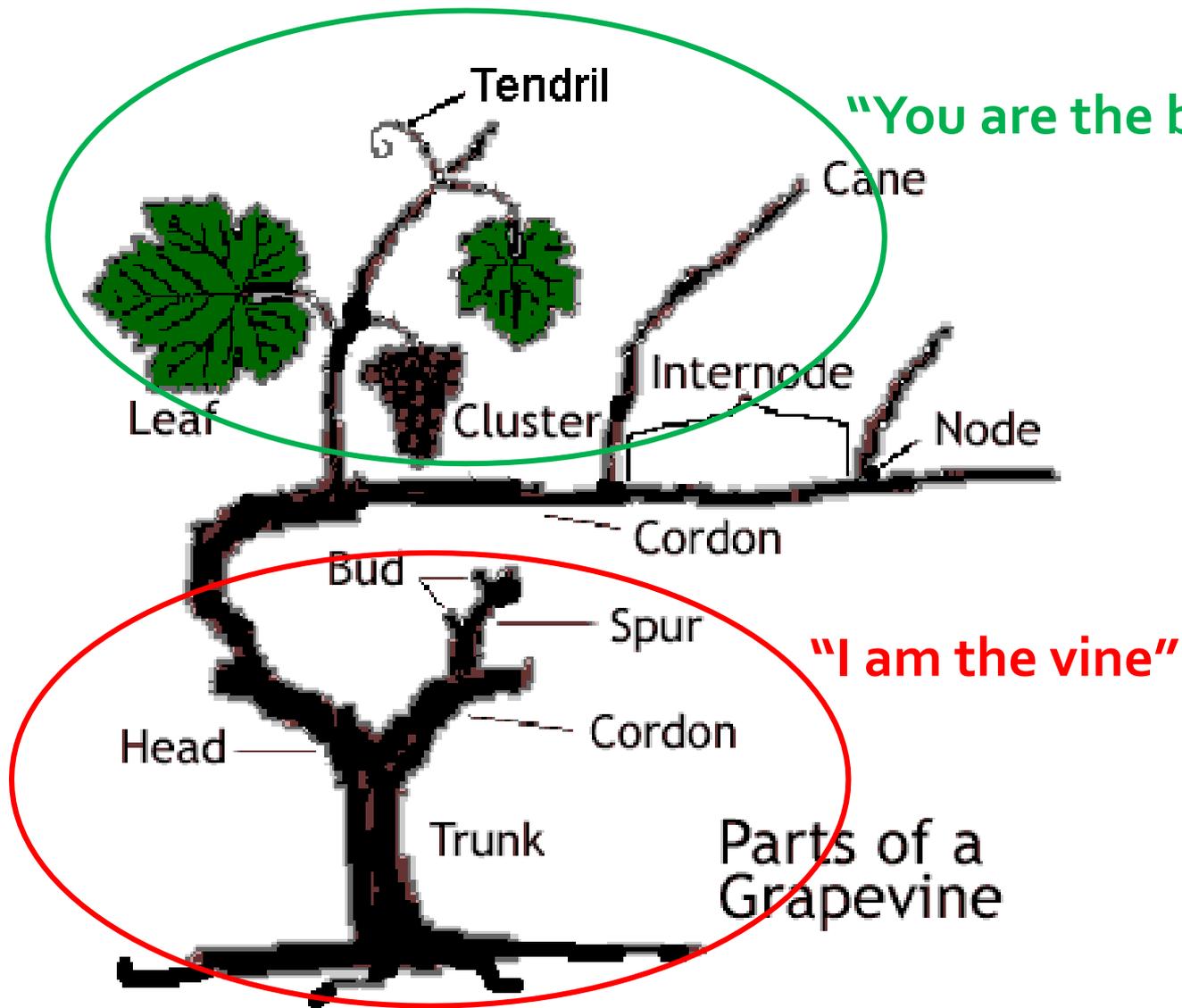
- **Jesus the true vine**
 - Gives life to the branches

The vinedresser

- **Father the vinedresser**
 - Prunes the branches

The branches

- **You and I the branches**
 - Bear fruit
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3 processes

The abiding

The pruning

The bearing



3 processes

The abiding

The pruning

The bearing

“Abide in Me, and I in you.”

What does it mean to “abide”?

1. Recognize Jesus as the source of your life
 2. Rely on Him for daily sustenance
 3. Remain in communion and obedience
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3 processes

The abiding

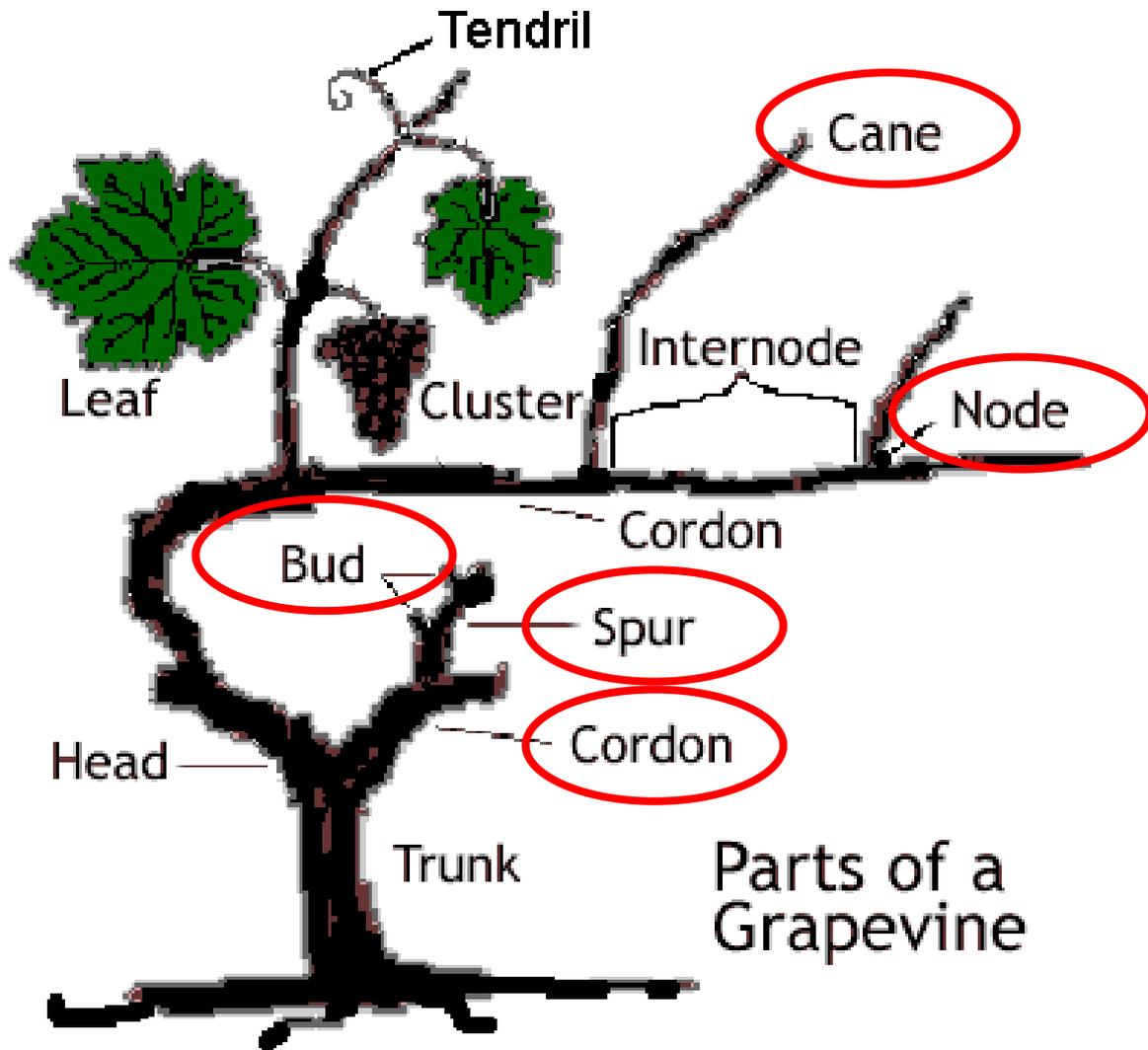
The pruning

The bearing

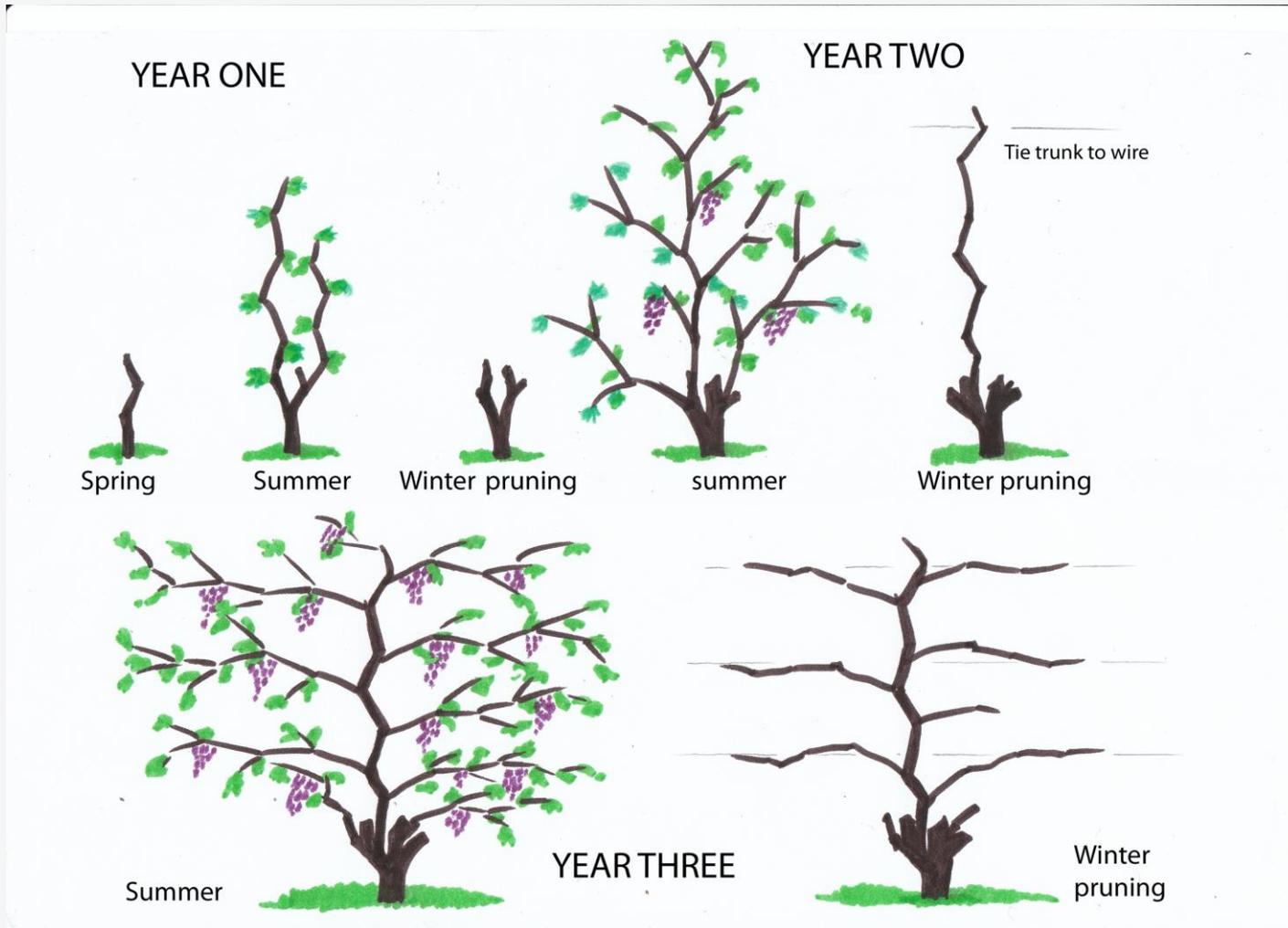
What does it mean to be “pruned”?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxDNGtoVjSo>





The seasons of pruning



The skills of pruning



Correct

Water runs off easily. Wound heals quickly



Wrong direction

Water will run onto bud causing rotting



Too close to bud

The bud may die



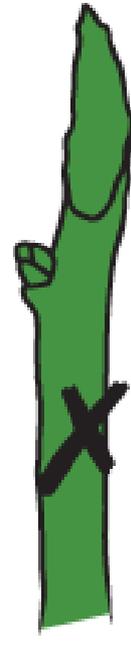
Too flat

Holds water which can rot bud



Too much stub

Die back occurs as wound doesn't heal easily. Infection can occur



Too large a wound

Infection enters wound easily

3 processes

The abiding

The pruning

The bearing

The pruning process

- Regular
- Careful
- Intentional
- Necessary



3 processes

The abiding

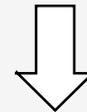
The pruning

The bearing

Abiding in the vine

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Pruning of the branches



Bearing of fruit



3 processes

The abiding

The pruning

The bearing

You are the branch. You need be nothing more. You need not for one single moment of the day take upon you the responsibility of the Vine. You need not leave the place of entire dependence and unbounded confidence.

- Andrew Murray -



3 abundances

Fruit

Increase

More fruit

Blessing to Others

Much fruit

Christ-likeness







Response



Am I **abiding** in Christ?

- recognize, rely and remain

Am I undergoing a season of **pruning** from the Lord?

- what is my posture of rested-ness* during this season?

** trusting in God fully and falling back on Him for everything*

Am I **bearing** fruit that increases in Christlikeness and blesses others?

