

Fruit That Proves Discipleship

John 15:1-8

- I. The **origin** of spiritual fruit (1-3)
 - A. Jesus Himself (1)
 - B. The Father (1-2)
 - 1) He takes away branches that do not bear fruit (2a)
 - 2) He prunes branches that do bear fruit (2b-3)
 - Sometimes pruning involves chastening (Hebrews 12:6, 11)
 - Other times pruning involves trials (Romans 5:3-5)
 - C. The Word of God (3)
- II. The **growth** of spiritual fruit (4-6)
 - A. Branches that choose to abide in Christ to bear fruit (4)
 - B. On your own, you cannot bear fruit (5)
 - C. Branches without fruit are destroyed (6)
- III. The **result** of spiritual fruit (7-8)
 - A. We learn to pray God's will (7)
 - B. We bring glory to God (8a)
 - C. We prove that we are truly disciples (8b)