

## I Am Jesus: Quit Striving, Start Abiding John 15:1-5

**V.2:** When we are buried under the “dirt” of life, God is working to clean us off, \_\_\_\_\_, and renew our strength.

“takes away” = “air□” in Greek (to raise up, elevate, lift up)

...confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ... - Philippians 1:6

God works to “prune” our unfruitful pursuits so that we don't \_\_\_\_\_ our lives but rather store up \_\_\_\_\_ in Heaven.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.”  
- Matthew 6:19-20

**V.3:** Jesus is teaching about spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

**VV.4-5:** Spiritual fruit (good works) is the \_\_\_\_\_ of abiding in (being connected to) Jesus.

*I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. - Romans 7:15 (NLT)*

*I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. - Romans 7:19 (NLT)*

Then they said to Him, “What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent.” Therefore they said to Him, “What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.” And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.” - John 6:28-35

*This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? - Galatians 3:2-3*

*O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God - through Jesus Christ our Lord!  
- Romans 7:24-25*

*“But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.” - Luke 8:15*