

BE A BRINGER


"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus" John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:


PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Tom & Janice Crawford | Indonesia




PRAY

- Pray for the churches of South Nias. They are attempting to navigate a transition to Independent churches since they were dropped by their original sending church.
- Pray for new leadership to step up in Nias and at Simply Jesus Baptist Church.
- Pray for Sunday School to start at Simply Jesus Church to teach children.
- Pray for the completion of the Junior High School in Batam. The 1st floor is done but there are plans to continue a 2nd and 3rd floor. They need extra finances to finish the project.
- Pray for the class that Tom teaches on Monday nights. Pray that they will catch a passion for the Lord and a greater desire to share the Gospel.

PRAISE

- Praise God that Pastor Yanuar and Pastor April are being ordained by their churches.



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Study Date: 06/15/25

Pruning Away Sin

"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."
— John 15:2

This Bible verse illustrates the concept of spiritual growth and maturity through the analogy of pruning. God prunes believers by removing obstacles and distractions that hinder their spiritual development, just as a gardener trims away dead or overgrown branches to help a plant thrive. This process may involve letting go of sinful habits, negative attitudes, or harmful relationships that prevent us from bearing the fruits of the Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We, as believers, are called to continually allow God to prune us so that we can become more like Christ and bear fruit that glorifies Him. This verse reminds us that the process of pruning may be uncomfortable or even painful at times, but it is necessary for us to grow stronger in our faith and walk more closely with God. Surrendering to God's pruning can lead to transformation and increased effectiveness in serving Him and others.

Have you ever felt the pain of God's pruning in your own life? What areas do you think God might be calling you to surrender or let go of in order to bear more fruit for His kingdom? Reflect on how you can cooperate with God's pruning process and trust that He is working to help you flourish and grow in your faith.

When we allow God to prune us, we open ourselves up to experiencing greater growth and productivity in our spiritual lives. We make room for God to work in and through us by letting go of the things that hold us back, producing fruit that reflects His character and love. We position ourselves to be more effective witnesses for God and to bring glory to His name through the fruit we bear as we submit to His pruning process. So, by embracing God's pruning in our lives, we can experience the transformation that leads to a greater abundance of spiritual fruitfulness.

Resource: Godsblessing.com

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KEY VERSE

John 15:2 (NKJV)

"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

Read John 15:1-11 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: John 15:2

Introduction

1. We read in John 15:2 that God does prune that which does not bear fruit for His kingdom. *What* must be pruned away so that we may bear fruit?
2. What according to paragraph 3 on page 1 will happen to us if we will *allow* God to prune us? What "transformation experience" will it lead us to?

Tuesday: John 15:1a, 1b; John 15:4-6

God Has A Green Thumb

3. In John 15:1b the verse likens God to a gardener or "*vinedresser*." Whom then is the "*true vine*" that gives us life according to John 15:1a?
4. What warning are we as followers of Christ given in John 15:6? What will become of those who do "*not abide*" in Him?

Wednesday: John 15:2; Hebrews 12:5-6, 11; Ephesians 4:13

God Will Prune Away Sin

5. What do we learn from Hebrews 12:5-6 and 11 about God's "*chastening*" of us? Should we be "*discouraged*" when we are "*rebuked*" by Him?
6. Hebrews 12:11 speaks of the "*peaceable fruit*" that is yielded through God's "*chastening*." As bearers of much fruit whom are we likened to? (Eph. 4:13)

Thursday: John 15:3; Ephesians 5:25-27; Psalm 119:9-11

God Uses The Bible To Prune Away Sin

7. Without question, many believers would acknowledge the Word as one of God's pruning tools? What does it *do to us* according to John 15:3?
8. How does Ephesians 5:25-27 depict the "cleansing process" between a man and his wife? What does he use to "*cleanse her*" with?
9. What do we learn about God's Word from Psalm 119:9-11? According to verse 11 *where* within us do we need to "*hide*" God's Word and why?

Friday: John 15:7-11

Enjoy The Results Of Abiding In Christ

10. What promise does Jesus make to those who "*abide in*" Him? What "*shall be done*" for them according to John 15:7?
11. Jesus states in John 15:9; "*As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.*" What must we "*keep*" to achieve this?
12. What is the amazing blessing bestowed upon us by Jesus according to John 15:11? What will His followers always be filled with?