



- Pruning is a vinedresser's single most important technique for ensuring a plentiful harvest.

C. THE VINEDRESSER DOESN'T PRUNE THE VINE TO PUNISH IT BUT TO PROMOTE MORE FRUITFULNESS.

- *"Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains."* - C.S. Lewis

D. THE SECRET TO BEARING A BUMPER CROP OF FRUIT IS ABIDING IN JESUS.

- Abide means to remain, to continue; or to dwell with.

You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land. - Psalm 80:8-9

I. IN THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER, FRUIT REPRESENTS THE PRODUCTIVE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

A. STRUGGLING VINES MAKE THE BEST WINES.

- *Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must also finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.'* - James 1:2-4

B. EVERY BRANCH IN ME THAT DOES NOT BEAR FRUIT HE LIFTS UP. - verse 2