



I am
the
VINE.























John 15:1-8

¹ “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

² 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. ³ You

are already clean because of

**the word which I have spoken
to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in
you. As the branch cannot
bear fruit of itself, unless it
abides in the vine, neither can
you, unless you abide in Me.**

5 “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and

throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.



Galatians 5:22

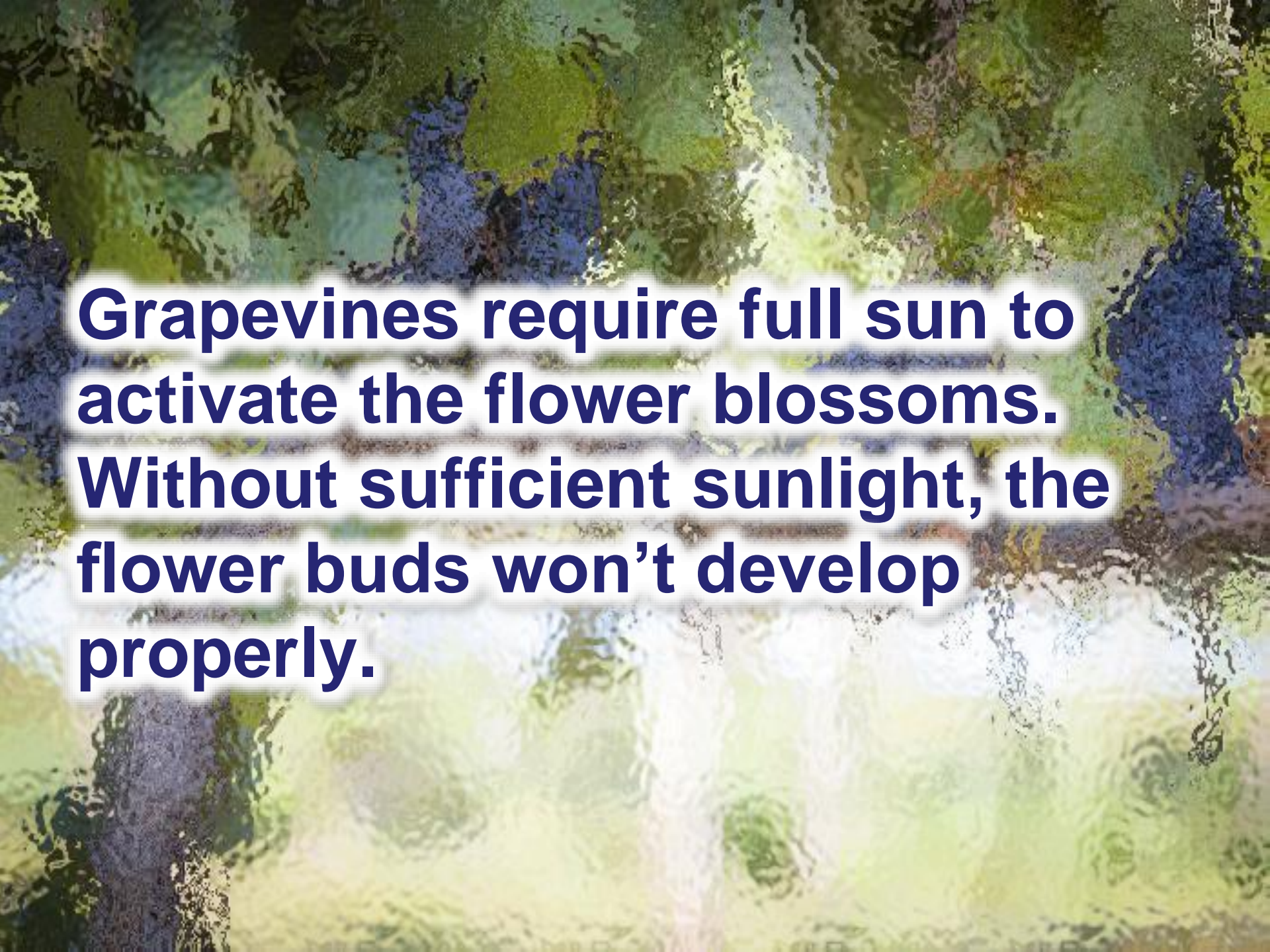
**But the fruit of the Spirit is
love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness, self-control.
Against such there is no law.**

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Three Lessons from the Vine.

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Lesson One



Grapevines require full sun to activate the flower blossoms. Without sufficient sunlight, the flower buds won't develop properly.









John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

John 3:20-21

For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth



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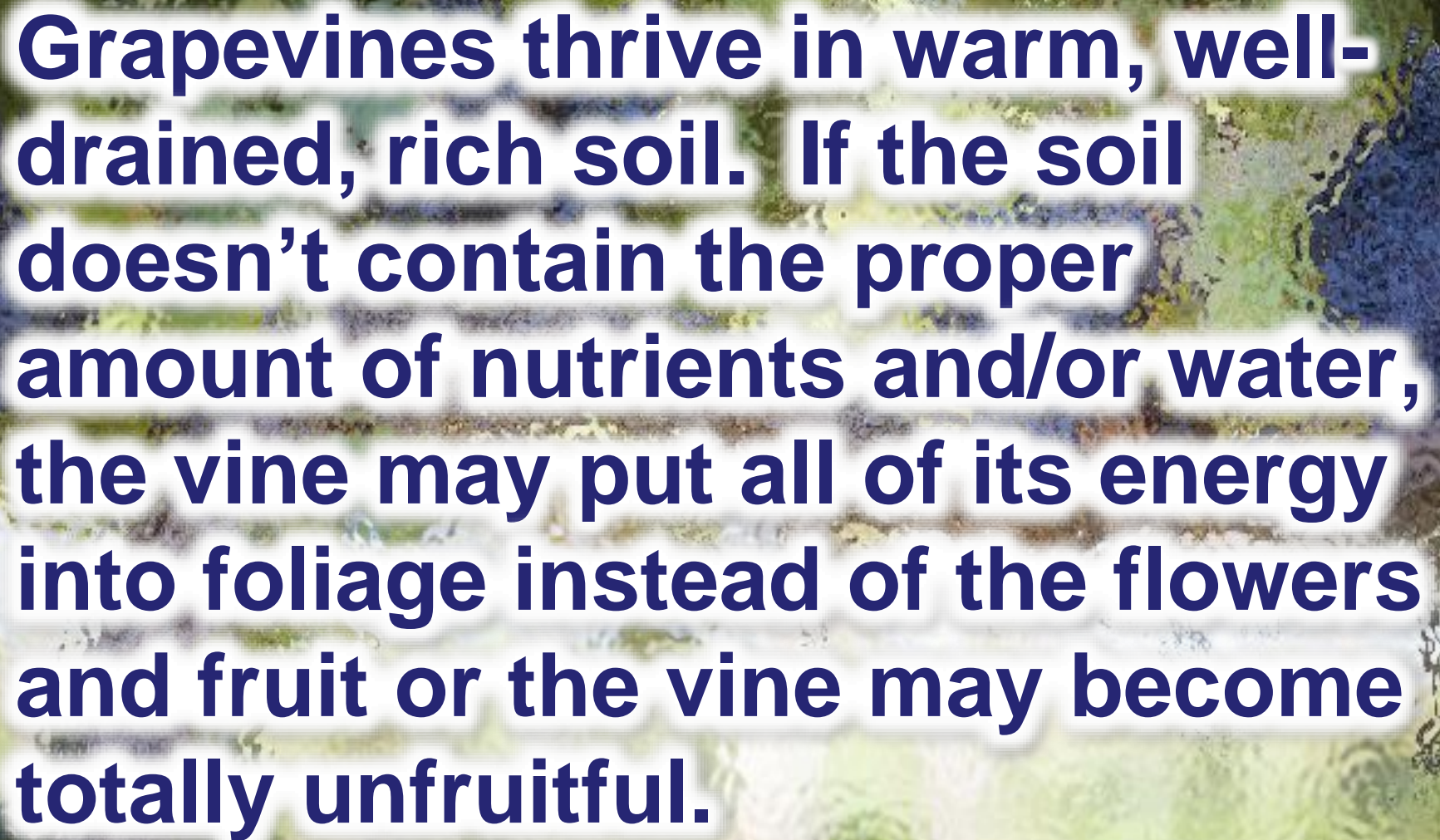
**comes to the light, that his
deeds (works) may be clearly
seen, that they have been
done in God.**

1 John 2:10

**He who loves his brother
abides in the light, and there
is no cause for stumbling in
him.**

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Lesson Two



Grapevines thrive in warm, well-drained, rich soil. If the soil doesn't contain the proper amount of nutrients and/or water, the vine may put all of its energy into foliage instead of the flowers and fruit or the vine may become totally unfruitful.



Matthew 13:18-19(a)

**Therefore hear the PARABLE
of the SOWER: When anyone
hears the word of the
kingdom,**

Matthew 13:19(b)

**and does not understand it,
then the wicked one comes
and snatches away what was
sown in his heart. This is he
who received seed by the
wayside.**

Matthew 13:20-21

But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

Matthew 13:22

Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

Matthew 13:23

but he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

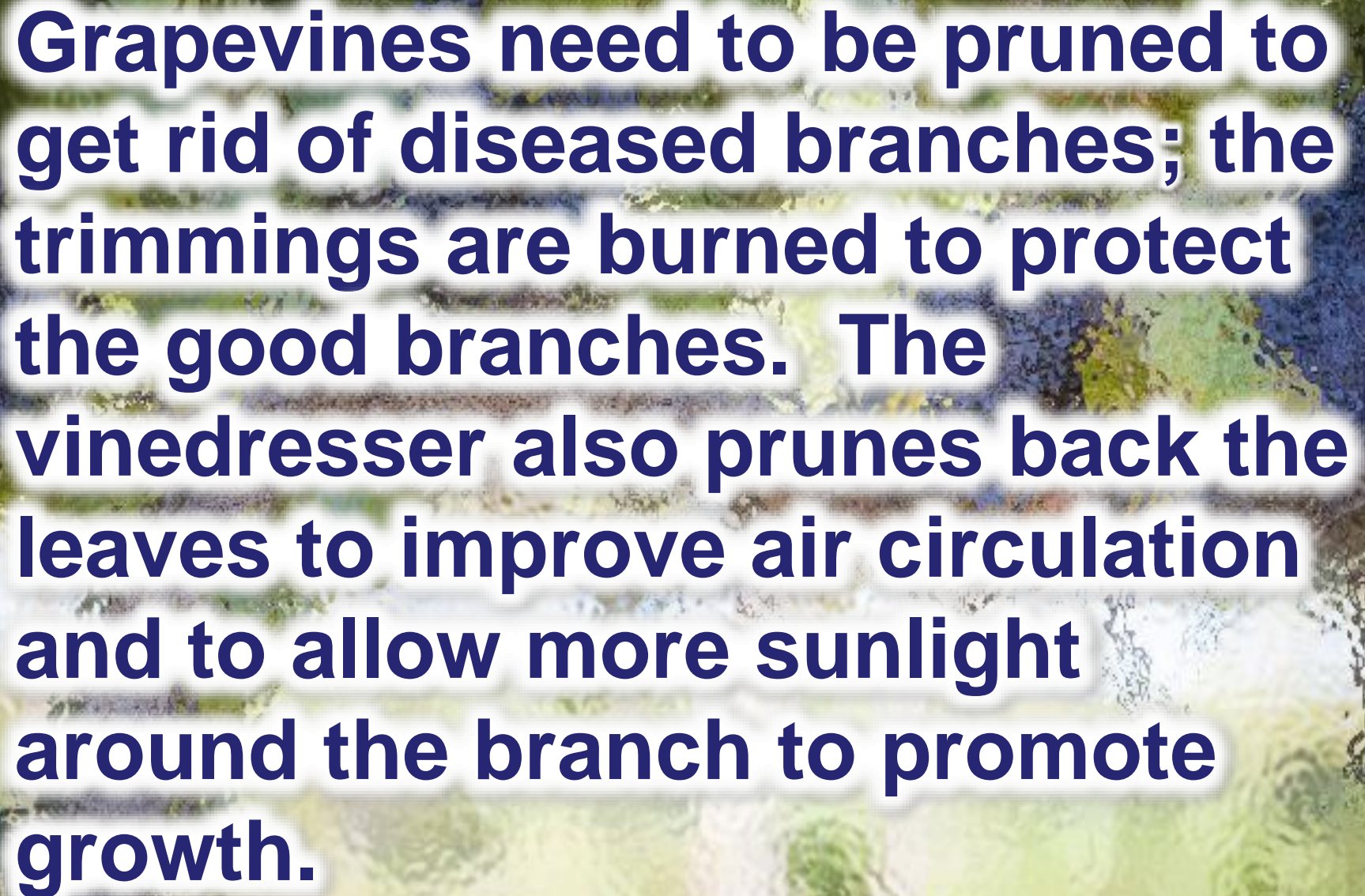


Galatians 6:7-8

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

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Lesson Three



Grapevines need to be pruned to get rid of diseased branches; the trimmings are burned to protect the good branches. The vinedresser also prunes back the leaves to improve air circulation and to allow more sunlight around the branch to promote growth.









Matthew 12:33(a)

**Either make the tree good and its
fruit good,**





Matthew 12:33(b)

**or else make the tree bad and its
fruit bad;**





Matthew 12:33(c)

for a tree is known by its fruit.

Hebrews 12:11

Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those have been trained by it.



Galatians 3:27-28

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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We are all branches of the True Vine, *UNLESS* our branch has been removed because we have stopped bearing fruit.

Colossians 1:9

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

Colossians 1:10

that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

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What are good works?



James 4:17

**Therefore, to him who knows to
do good and does not do it, to
him it is sin.**



Philippians 2:3

**Let nothing be done through
selfish ambition or conceit, but
in lowliness of mind let each
esteem others better than
himself.**



Hebrews 13:16

**But do not forget to do good and
to share, for with such sacrifices
God is well pleased.**

1 Timothy 6:17-18

Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,



Galatians 6:10

**Therefore, as we have
opportunity, let us do good to all,
especially to those who are of
the household of faith.**

**Opportunity
may knock
only once, but
temptation
leans on the
door bell.**





1 Peter 4:18

Now “If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?”

1 Peter 4:19

Therefore, let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.



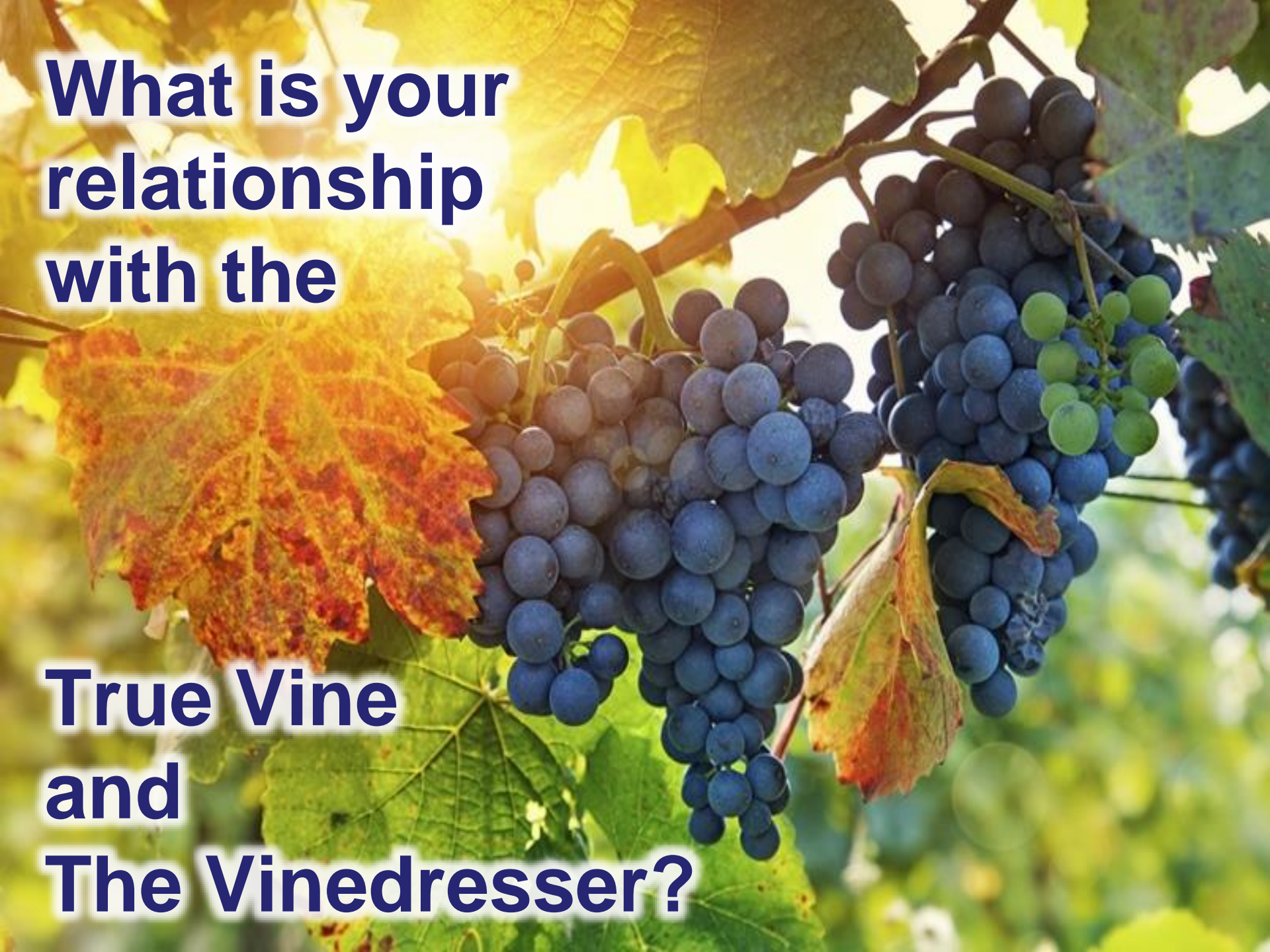
Remember.
It is not just a religion.
It is a RELATIONSHIP.



**The relationship begins
with the TRUE VINE,**



**But its end is in the
hands of the VINEDRESSER .**



**What is your
relationship
with the**

**True Vine
and
The Vinedresser?**