

Chapter 1 : Mighty 'Mato Â» Mighty Mato

This is why he reminds us that we are part of the promise, grafted in to the root, whereby our life is sustained. Today, I am thankful for this reminder. I praise God that he gives us the abundant life promised by Jesus.

Published online Apr This paper is available online free of all access charges see <http://> Abstract Grafting is an ancient cloning method that has been used widely for thousands of years in agricultural practices. Graft-union development is also an intricate process that involves substantial changes such as organ regeneration and genetic material exchange. However, the molecular mechanisms for graft-union development are still largely unknown. Here, a micrografting method that has been used widely in Arabidopsis was improved to adapt it a smooth procedure to facilitate sample analysis and to allow it to easily be applied to various dicotyledonous plants. The developmental stage of the graft union was characterized based on this method. Histological analysis suggested that the transport activities of vasculature were recovered at 3 days after grafting dag and that auxin modulated the vascular reconnection at 2 dag. Microarray data revealed a signal-exchange process between cells of the scion and stock at 1 dag, which re-established the communication network in the graft union. This process was concomitant with the clearing of cell debris, and both processes were initiated by a wound-induced programme. The results demonstrate the feasibility and potential power of investigating various plant developmental processes by this method, and represent a primary and significant step in interpretation of the molecular mechanisms underlying graft-union development. Arabidopsis thaliana, cell-cell communication, endomembrane system, graft-union development, local auxin accumulation, micrografting, vascular reconnection Introduction Grafting is an asexual plant propagation technique in agriculture that has been widely used for thousands of years. It has been used widely for decades as a convenient technique in long-distance signalling research and has generated persuasive evidence in various plant processes. The epigenetic state can also be converted, as mobile small RNAs from the scion could direct epigenetic modifications in the genome of stock in Arabidopsis Molnar et al. The findings that morphological and physiological changes could occur with a specific stock-scion combination have also been reported, as grafting altered leaf morphology Kim et al. Aside from these applications, graft-union development is an intricate process during which histological and physiological changes, such as organ regeneration, are initiated and progress dramatically, and even the genetic material between different cells of the scion and stock can be exchanged Stegemann and Bock, Thus, grafting is not only a useful technique but also an attractive research subject. Although a number of reports have depicted the process with regard to the histological and physiological aspects Kollmann and Glockmann ; Fernandez-Garcia et al. In the model organism Arabidopsis thaliana, grafting techniques were developed early in Tsukaya et al. In , Colin Turnbull and colleagues developed a method using 3-4-d-old seedlings, allowing experiments to be conducted on many aspects of long-distance signalling for the first time Turnbull et al. This seedling grafting technique has been applied to the study of many plant processes including flowering Corbesier et al. Here, a simple and effective seedling micrografting method that improved on the previous protocol Turnbull et al. This approach reduced the operational work and facilitated sample analysis, yet yielded higher success rates than the previous method. It could also easily be applied to the seedling micrografting methods of other dicotyledonous plants such as tomato, alfalfa, and tobacco. This method was further used to model graft-union development in Arabidopsis. Anatomic and transcriptomic analysis uncovered elaborate stages for graft-union healing processes and highlighted a cell-cell communication process during its early stage. Materials and methods Plant materials and grafting procedure A. The transgenic lines proDR5: The transgenic line proSUC2: Grafting in Arabidopsis was conducted as follows. Plates were tilted using a glass rod of 0. Grafting was performed using a dissecting microscope at 4 d post-germination. Seedlings were chosen with long straight hypocotyls and the hypocotyl was cut transversely while on the agar. The stock donor was cut near the shoot apical meristem and the scion donor was cut halfway from the base of the hypocotyl the hypocotyl consequently appeared longer than usual. Forceps were used to keep the seedling stable while cutting the hypocotyl with the razor blade under a dissecting microscope. It was important to make the cut quickly and to push the blade rather than pull it, so

that the cut surface was clean and smooth. The scion was lifted up to bring it to the stock, and the stock was carefully picked up to approach the scion and connect them together. Note that it is important to be aware of raising the graft union up away from the agar surface the oblique surface will provide enough space to make it possible. The scion or stock was carefully and slightly pushed to adjust the relative position of the two parts, and the graft was inspected from all sides of the graft junction to make sure that the two parts connected and supported each other thoroughly. Initially, this process may take some practice to connect the scion and stock together successfully while lifting the union up, but in our experience the operation went smoothly after about 1–2 weeks of practice. The plate was returned to the growth room to the same vertical position with the thin side downward and the thick side upward. The tissues were then transferred back to fixative and incubated for 1 h at room temperature. The samples were rinsed with water and incubated in chloral hydrate solution chloral hydrate: Sample observation was performed with a Zeiss confocal laser scanning microscope to record the images. Next day, the ethanol was removed, chloral hydrate solution was added and the samples were incubated overnight at room temperature. Samples were then placed onto a slide, a coverslip was added and images were obtained as described above. Acid fuchsin staining An aqueous solution of 0. The cotyledon of the scion should become red in the vascular veins over 1–2 h, indicating that the xylems of the scion and stock have been connected. PI and GFP fluorescence were excited with a 488 nm argon laser, and emission was detected with 505 and 520 nm band-pass filter combinations, respectively. Arabidopsis transformation was carried out using the floral dip method. Transgenic plants were obtained by screening successive generations in terms of hygromycin resistance. For sampling, all three types of sample grafts group A: For group B, scions and stocks were cut at the same time during grafting. For group C, intact seedlings were also reserved during grafting. Groups A, B, and C also had three independent biological replicates each, and group C was applied as a technical replicate. Data pre-processing and differential expression analysis of the gene expression data were done in R version 2. Data were normalized between arrays using the quantile method. Normalized expression data was subjected to log₂ transformation. Fold change was not applied in the comparison of groups A and B due to the high similarity of expression profiles between the two groups see Supplementary Fig. Results Improvement of the micrografting method in Arabidopsis For a single successful graft, a good union between the scion and stock is the most important key point. In the previous protocol Turnbull et al. The collar greatly increased the success rate but also interfered with the observation of the graft union. There are some reported methods that do not use such collars, but they do not have satisfactory success rates Turnbull et al. The cut surface of the scion and the stock cannot be placed closely together due to their different morphology—expanded cotyledons will raise the hypocotyl of the scion and result in a poor connection between the scion and stock. Moreover, the water on the medium surface will infiltrate the graft union and consequently interfere with the union healing. An oblique medium surface was found to overcome these problems through trial and error. In the first step, a glass rod was used to prop up one side of the plate before pouring the liquid medium into it Fig. On the oblique surface Fig. Therefore, there were strong mutual-effect forces on the joint when the plate was placed vertically in the growth room Fig. As it was easy to cut adventitious roots at their first emergence and to get rid of grafts that fail to form a good union immediately after grafting, because the graft union could easily be inspected from all sides Fig.

Chapter 2 : Living the abundant life

His passion for the fatherless stems from his life as a foster father. He is married to his wife, Meghan, and together they are the parents of 6 children. He is passionate about the lives of children and helping them to realize the most abundant life possible.

You are grafted to the Lord! Another reason you can be confident about being able to "drink" is that you are grafted to the Lord. The Bible also says of our attachment to God, "I am the vine, you are the branches" John. Leaves on trees receive nourishment from the roots up through the trunk of the tree. Just above the wood but under the outer bark is a layer of soft bark called the cambium layer. This layer of bark extends like a pipe all around the trunk and the branches of the tree. If you peel the bark off a branch you can see the cambium layer. Usually it is lighter brown than the outer bark itself. It is through the tube like layer of cambium bark that the leaves receive their nourishment. If a branch is grafted to a tree properly, the cambium layer extends right through the graft without interruption. The cambium layer is the part of the tree that is alive. We can drink because the vine to which we are grafted is like being grafted to a fire hydrant that is turned wide open. Like a branch that is grafted to the trunk of a tree, we are attached to the fountain of God. Our grafting to the Lord is like a pipe that extends to us from God. I believe that the "two witnesses" are going to be witnesses about our grafting to the Lord. The Bible says, "the two olive branches which are beside the two golden pipes, which empty the golden oil from themselves These are the two anointed ones who are standing by the Lord of the whole earth. They are emptying the oil of the Holy Spirit from themselves because they are standing before the Lord of glory. Let your heart rejoice that you too have been grafted to the fountain of God. The head of a fountain is always under pressure. Leaves also absorb water directly from the rain. Here again we find a similarity to the way we receive from God: His going forth is as certain as the dawn; And He will come to us like the rain, Like the spring rain watering the earth" Hos. The Bible also tells us, "it is time to seek the Lord Until He comes to rain righteousness on you. Use thanks and praise to impress the truth about the grace of God. Thank Him that you can receive the Holy Spirit because God has grafted you to a great and glorious fountain of the Holy Spirit. Blue Cords The Bible gives another picture that describes our attachment to the Lord. The clothing of the Old Testament priests included cords. That which attaches us to God is the Holy Spirit. Our grafting to God was never intended to be reduced to just be a nice theological idea. The cords in the Old Testament were only symbols. You and I have the real thing. Because you are a kingdom priest you can rejoice that you too are attached to God. You can experience the presence of God freely! Let God thrill your heart because of the woven cords that extends between you and the "fountain of life" Psalm. Otherwise, the verse below will be difficult for you to believe. He wants you to become a fountain too! Letting God be your glory results in experiencing His presence in this way. The afflicted and needy are seeking water, but there is none, And their tongue is parched with thirst; I, the Lord, will answer them Myself, As the God of Israel I will not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights And springs in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water And the dry land fountains of water. The "thirsty land" in this passage refers to people that God wants to make into fountains of His Spirit. The Bible often describes people as "dry ground. The Lord told Moses, concerning the release of Israel from bondage, "but indeed, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord" Num. This time, I believe God is going accomplish His purpose by what He pours through individual believers who make up the body of Christ. It is not about what we can do as individuals it is about what we can do together. Those who make the effort to reassure their heart with the truth until they find freedom to draw near and stand open before the Lord, are the ones who will become springs and fountains of the Holy Spirit. God wants to use you to fill the earth with His glory. Each one of us have to do our part. Draw near and drink. Let Him work through you. C Barry Hall Information on this site may be reproduced for personal or for instructional purposes if it is not being used for resale. If a page is distributed for instructional purposes, the web address must be included. Printed quotes must include the authors name and the web address. Quotes for use in publications intended for resale need the written permission of the author. Bold emphasis in the scriptures quoted here has been added by the author of this site.

Chapter 3 : Online Specials

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A healthy walnut is a large shade tree with abundant, nutritious nut fruits. Growing a grafted tree speeds up the process, delivering nuts in the shortest time frame. Grafted Advantages Walnut trees grow from seed, but many growers graft walnut seedlings onto seedling rootstocks of other walnut trees. Different rootstocks offer better resistance to prevailing regional diseases and insect pests. Grafting provides advantages in certain climates and soils, and it can shorten the time it takes the trees to mature. The majority of U. Growers focus on the right balance between vigor and disease resistance to ensure walnut varieties overcome vulnerabilities and bear plentiful fruit. The tree and rootstock both grow from seed the first year then are grafted together and grown for a second season. Once you plant a 2-year-old grafted walnut, expect to wait another four to five years for its first crop of nuts. A non-grafted, seedling-grown walnut often takes up to two years longer to bear its first nuts. A walnut develops a deep taproot as it matures, and so a young tree establishes most quickly after being transplanted. An older, larger tree has a more difficult time getting settled in its new location. Walnut Culture Walnuts prefer full-sun locations with deep, well-drained soil. A location with at least 5 to 6 feet of soil depth provides a suitable home for the roots of a young, grafted walnut. A mature walnut withstands drought once established, but a young tree needs irrigation. Depending on weather, a young walnut in a Mediterranean climate needs 4 to 12 gallons of water per day. Always irrigate your walnut at the drip line -- below the tips of its outermost branches -- instead of at the trunk. In order to protect your young, grafted walnut from sunscald in a very hot climate, paint its trunk with a mixture that is one-half water and one-half white, interior, latex paint. It provides protection against insects, too. Cultivar Selection Choose a grafted walnut variety with hardiness, flowering and harvest times suited to your climate. English walnut is hardy in U. Department of Agriculture plant hardiness zones 4 through 9, but rootstocks vary. The cultivar affects pollination. For an abundant fall harvest, choose a cultivar in which the pollen release and receptivity overlap.

Chapter 4 : The Vineyard - Abundant Life Apostolic Church

Jesus is the source of abundant life. As we mature we are able to bear fruit. Once fruitfulness becomes a way of life, the believer loses sight of what he wants from life and becomes consumed with God's will, which eventually produces true happiness and satisfaction.

So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. Many worshipping communities will offer some sort of Lessons and Carols service. That kind of service presents one more opportunity to sing Christmas carols and share the story of how Jesus slipped into human skin in the loveliest, strangest, and messiest of ways—“as a human boy child to an unlikely betrothed couple, traveling and without proper lodging. Other congregations will use the lessons appointed for the First Sunday after Christmas that recount the holy family taking Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem for the rite of purification, an ordinary and expected part of faithful family life. Yet, even this simple act evokes responses of praise, joy, and celebration as others recognize the Messiah in this tiny baby. This is one of the real miracles of Christmas. We are the unmerited recipients of a gift that keeps on giving, an amazing gift of love and grace. The point is so much bigger than a few years of awkward growing up. We are the family of God, a people named, claimed, and redeemed. Sure, we have our family dysfunctions and disagreements, but we are bound in the waters of baptism and given the common name of Christian little Christ. No matter whether you will be celebrating with lessons and carols or carrying on with worship as usual, it is certainly worth recalling and celebrating this holy family connection that each and every one of us is marked with in baptism. Jesus came to lay claim in each beloved one of us, making us co-heirs of the eternal family inheritance. Go proclaim it, friends, for this is very good news. In Worship Remember this first Sunday of Christmas may bring some of the Christmas Eve visitors and occasional worshipers to your congregation seeking more connection with Jesus. Consider the kind of welcome you will offer before worship begins. Have a plan to follow up with a thank you note. Make it a point to learn their names and any congregational connections. Ask them if there are ways that you might pray for them. Above all, pray that God will bring in the people who need to be present in your particular setting and that you will have the wisdom, grace, and presence of mind to respond to them as they might need. Pay particular attention to how you welcome children into worship. What a warm welcome the Holy Family received from Simeon and Anna. How are families welcomed to your gatherings? With Youth How about embarking on an oral or video history faith project in your congregation? Invite your talented youth to go out two-by-two to interview congregation members about their faith development, their involvement in your congregation, and how they take faith into the world in their daily lives. Be sure to provide plenty of adult mentor support. Find ways to share the results throughout the year website, social media, in worship. Be sure to include some prayer and study as part of your project, and above all, pray for your young people as they undertake this effort. Use a simple translation such as the Easy to Read Version and create actions for each verse. Encourage the entire congregation to participate. Some actions by verse, for example, might include: Stand up on your tiptoes and lift your hands as high as you can. Use your arms as angel wings. Hold up moon, sun, and star shapes. Make motions like rain falling. Make a broad sweep from the center with your hands like you are creating Verse 6: Cross your arms in front of you in a strong motion. Make a sound like a rushing wind. Pretend you are a tree. Pretend you are your favorite animal. Bow as if you are bowing before a king. Make a gesture including all the congregation, young and old, men and women. Verses 13 and Adopt various postures of praise hands folded in prayer, hands lifted up, etc. Spend time listening to carols, enjoying decorations and lights, writing thank you notes for gifts and kindnesses, and spending time with Jesus in scripture and prayer. Try to think of one small kindness you can do for someone else for each of the remaining 12 days of Christmas. We are no longer separate but fully connected. Click here for an excellent explanation using apple trees. Think about how Christians can be like these reliable grafted apple trees when we grow as disciples by praying, worshipping, reading scripture, serving, developing strong spiritual relationships, and giving generously. Reprint rights granted to congregations and other church organizations for local, nonprofit use. Just include this note: She came to ordained ministry after teaching secondary and college English,

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Chapter 5 : Romans – “Grafted In Sharing the Nourishing Sap of the Olive Root

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Living the abundant life. Suppose I had the ability to guarantee you a life that was full of joy and happiness beyond measure and a peace in your life that surpasses all understanding? What if I could also give you the assurance of entering into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord where there will be no more pain, sorrow, or death? Would you be interested? Well, I wish I could personally do that for everyone, but that is beyond my ability. However, I can point you to the man that can provide you with all of these things so you can live the abundant life, and that man is Jesus the son of God. One of the reasons Jesus came to this earth was so that we could have the abundant life, and He teaches us how to live the abundant life through His word. Many of the secrets to living an abundant life can be found in John. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. The first thing we learn about living the abundant life is that we must be part of that true vine, which is Jesus Christ. A person cannot begin living an abundant life until they accept the gospel call and are baptized into Jesus. Paul makes it clear that baptism is the point that one enters into Jesus the true vine. Many people in the religious world try to make baptism into Christ a formality, and they teach that it is not necessary. Once we do obey the gospel and are baptized into Christ for the remission of our sins, Jesus tells us that we must abide Him, and if we do this, He will abide in us. Jesus describes us as being branches that are attached to Him, and if we want to live the abundant life and remain in Christ, we must learn to bear fruit and realize that we cannot produce any fruit that will be acceptable to God unless we are attached to the true vine. Our first example is found in Paul. Paul really wanted to visit Rome, but he had not been able to. Why should we do this? Well as Christians, we realize what God has done for us and everyone else on the face of this earth. God loved us so much that He gave us His only begotten son so that we could have the hope of having an eternal life in heaven, and when we read our Bibles, we know how important it is to God that people are saved by being added to the true vine of Jesus. There are 2 verses that teach us how much God wants all of us to know His truth and His love. One thing that should help motivate us is the illustration that is given by Jesus on how the Father and the host of heaven reacts when a sinner comes to the Lord. So all Christians who love God for what He has done for us should want to help as many sinners as they can to turn back to God so that all of heaven will rejoice. But what is our benefit from this? I believe we benefit from winning souls to Christ because it brings great joy to us knowing that we had a hand in leading a sinner to God. I think we can all understand this concept. How many times has someone done something for you in your life that you could never repay? But when you have the opportunity to do something for that person, no matter how small it may be, you jump at the chance and it makes you feel good to do so. Well, this same thing is true when it comes to God. He has given us the forgiveness of our sins and a promise of a home in heaven. We can never repay or merit this gift, but when we see an opportunity to serve Him or to bring glory and honor to His name, we should jump at the chance to do so. When we do, it will bring great joy into our lives because we know that we have done something for the Lord. The apostle Paul understood this idea, and we can see that winning souls brought great joy to his life. Please notice what he said to the Thessalonians. Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? So, we should be able to see that leading people to Christ is part of living the abundant life. Another fruit that we can bear is found in Romans. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things. Notice, Paul describes how these Gentiles were sharing their material things as a fruit, and this is something that we can do today. We can share our material things with those who are in need. There are many different ways we can help those who are really in need. It may be that we open our home to someone or feed them a meal. We might have the opportunity to help an orphan or a widow in need, and as far as that goes, there are times when we might be able to help a brother or sister in Christ when they are in bind. The first century Christians understood how to give and to help each other and those in need. And great grace was upon them all. Please understand, I am not suggesting that we must go out and sell our land and our homes as they did,

but I want you to see how they were unified, and how they understood that the material things that we own are temporary and are not as important as serving God and helping each other. This is why Jesus tells us in, Matthew 6: As Christians we must be careful not to allow material things to become our treasure because if we do, it will distract us from living the abundant life. I like what Paul says in, 1 Timothy 6: Some Christians are so concerned about their possessions that it keeps them from serving God, and some seem to think that they can take their riches with them to the grave. As Paul said, we came into this world with nothing and we are going to leave this world with nothing. The sooner we learn this lesson the better off we will be. Keeping this thought in our minds should help us to learn to be better givers of our time and of our material possessions. Again we might ask, how does this benefit me? Have you every given something to a needy child who had very little, and when you gave it to them their eyes opened and glistened with excitement. Well the same feeling can be experienced when we give a needy person our time or part of our material possessions because we can know that we have brighten their day and given them a little bit of hope. That is why Jesus said, Acts Another fruit we can bear is found in, 2 Peter 1: This is a perfect recipe on how to have the character of Christ, and it is important for every Christian to learn these virtues in order to live life to its fullest. I know of no greater work that a Christian could do than to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and learn to be like Him. Adding these virtues to our life will cause us to produce much fruit for the Lord such as, Galatians 5: Now we will never be perfect at all the virtues, but God wants to continue to work on these virtues because the more we put them into our lives, the more abundant they will be. One of the greatest benefits that we receive from following these virtues is the assurance of a home in heaven. Another fruit that we can bear is found in, Hebrews I think David puts it best in the Psalm he wrote for the Lord in, Psalm Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth? I say amen to that. What a wonderful fruit to bear, to give God praise and thanks for what He has done for us, what He is doing for us, and for what He is going to do for us. We benefit from this fruit because it gives us peace in our lives knowing that our God is watching out for us. So giving thanks and praise to God will help us live the abundant life. Now we could examine more fruits that we could bear, but let's move on to our next point which comes from part of our original text in John Jesus used abide 10 times in these verses, which makes it clear that the only way we can bear fruit that is pleasing for God is by being attached to that one true vine and remaining there. Some have turned baptism into something you do to join a denomination. Friends, I want you to understand that the Bible teaches that unless you are baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins you cannot be part of the one true vine, which is Jesus. This means that no matter how many works you do in the name of God, they will not be acceptable to Him because your labor and your fruits did come through Jesus because you have never been grafted into the true vine. This is why Jesus says, Matthew 7: I hope that if you are here today and you have not obeyed all the gospel, I hope you will stop allowing yourself to be deceived that you were saved by just believing and saying a sinner's prayer or by accepting Jesus into your heart because these are manmade teachings. All I ask that you do is to accept what the Word of God says and believe, repent, confess and yes be baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins so that you can be grafted into that true vine so that you can produce fruit that is acceptable to God and have the assurance of heaven as your home. Those of us who are truly branches of Christ can say what Paul did in, Philippians 4: Every Christian that abides in Christ can have the confidence that God will be there to help and strengthen us in our time of need. Again, it is only when we abide in Christ that we can bear fruit that will be pleasing to God and make it possible for us to live the abundant life. This brings us to the end of our lesson this morning and I hope that you will return this evening as we continue to examine living the abundant life.

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It teaches you how to celebrate all the Holy Feasts and how to study the Torah and the Commandments and apply them in order to enjoy abundant life in obedience to God and without any legalism. This book is a must for every believer, it is a tremendous eye opener!

Would you be interested? Well, I wish I could personally do that for everyone but that is beyond my ability. However I can point you to the man who can provide you with all of these so that you can live the abundant life and that man is Jesus the son of God. Here we clearly see that one of the reasons why Jesus came to this earth was so that you and I could have the abundant life and He teaches what we need to know about living the abundant life through his word. Many of the secrets to living an abundant life can be found in John. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. The first thing we learn about living the abundant life is that we must be part of that true vine which is Jesus Christ. A person cannot begin living an abundant life until they accept the gospel call and are baptized into Jesus. Paul makes it clear that it is only at the point of baptism that one enters into Jesus the true vine. Many people in the religious world try to make baptism into Christ a formality or not being necessary and you can believe them on this if you want to but I believe I will take the word of the inspired apostle Paul. But once obey what Paul has said here and have been baptized into Christ Jesus tells us that we must abide him and if we do this then he will abide in us. Jesus describes you and as I being branches that are attached to him and that if we want to live the abundant and remain in Christ then we must learn to bear fruit and realize that we cannot produce any fruit that will be acceptable to God unless we are attached to the true vine. So with this thought in mind let take a look at few ways that we can bear fruit for the Lord and what it will do for us. Our first example is found in. Why should we do this? Well as Christians we realize what God has done for us and everyone else on the face of this earth. You see God loved us so much that he gave us his only begotten son so that you and I could have the hope of having an eternal life in heaven and when we read our Bible we know how important it is to God that people are saved by being added the true vine of Jesus. There are 2 verses that make it very clear to me just how much God wants all humans to know his truth and his love. Surely we can see that it is Gods desire that all people be saved but is it up you and I and every Christian in the world to bear this fruit by spreading the good news. One thing that should help motivates us is the illustration that is given to us by Jesus on how the father and the host of heaven reacts when a sinner comes to the Lord. So as Christians that understand just how God loves us and what he has done for us show fully supply with the answer of why we should bear this type of fruit. But what is our benefit from this? I believe we benefit from winning souls to Christ because it brings great joy to us knowing that we had a hand in leading a sinner to God. I think we can all understand this concept. How many times has someone done something for your life that you could never repay, but when you have the opportunity to do something for that person no matter how small it may be you jump at the chance and it makes you feel good to do so. Well this same thing is true when it comes to God. He is given us the forgiveness our sins and a promise of a home in heaven and we can never repay or merit this gift but when see an opportunity to serve him or to bring glory and honor to him should we jump at the chance and we do this for him it will bring great joy into our lives. The apostle Paul understood and we can see that winning souls brought great joy to his life. Please notice what he says to the Thessalonians. Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? So surely we can see how leading people to Christ is part of living the abundant life. Another fruit that we can be bear is found in, Romans. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things. Notice Paul describes the sharing of these Gentiles of material things a fruit and this something that we can do today. We can share out material things with those who are in need. There are many different ways we can help those who are truly in need. It may be that we open our home to someone or we may feed them a meal. We might have the opportunity to help an orphan a widow in need and as far as that goes there are times when we might be able to help a brother or sister in Christ out when they are in bind. And great grace was upon them all. Now by this passage I am not

suggesting that we must go out and sell our land and our house as they did but I want you to see they were unified and they understood that the material things that we own are temporary and are not as important as serving God and helping each other. This is why Jesus tells us. As Christians we must be careful not to allow material things to become our treasure or we will find that that we will be distracted from living the abundant life. I like what Paul says in, 1 Timothy 6: There some Christians that are so concerned about their possessions that keeps them from serving and God and some seem to think that they can there riches with them to the grave. I am reminded of the story I heard about the husband who dies and tells his wife that he wants to buried with his money. Well when her husband dies she does what she ask him to, she writes him a check for the amount of money he has and she tells him that anytime he wants to cash that check he can. Why this is kind of funny it really makes the point that we came into this world with nothing and we are going to leave this world with nothing. The sooner we learn this lesson the better off we will be. Keeping this thought in our mind should help us to learn to be better givers of our time and of our material things. Again we might ask yeah but how does that benefit me? Well I tell you. Have you every given something to a needy child who had very little and when gave them this new toy or whatever it may be you see eyes open and glisten. When you did this did it not fill your heart full of happiness and joy. Well the same feeling happens when you give our yourself our material things to help a human being out. That it why the Lord said, Acts Another fruit we can bear in found in, 2 Peter 1: This is a perfect recipe on how to have the character of Christ and it important for every Christian to learn these virtues in order to live life to it fullest. I know of no greater work that a Christian could do than following in footsteps of Jesus and learning to be like him. Adding these virtues to our life will cause us to produce much fruit for the Lord such as, Galatians 5: Now I can tell you will never perfect at all the virtues but God wants to continue to work on these virtues because the more we put these things into our lives the more abundant they will be. One of the greatest benefits that you and I receive for following these virtues is assurance of a home in heaven. Another fruit that we can bear is found in, Hebrews If there is one thing that every Christian should do it is to praise God and give thanks to God because it though him that we live and breath and have our very being. I think David puts it best in the Psalm he wrote for the Lord in, Psalm Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth? I say amen to that. What a wonderer fruit to bear to give God praise and thanks for what has done for us, what he is doing for us, and for what he is going to do for us. We benefit from this fruit because it gives us peace in our life knowing that our God is watching out for us. So giving thanks and praise to God will help us live the abundant life. Now we could examine more fruits that we could bear but lets move on to our next point which comes from part of our original text in John Jesus use abide 10 times in the verses and makes if very clear that the only way that you and can bear fruit for God that will be pleasing to is that we must in Christ must be attached to that one true vine and remain there. Again I cant stress it enough only those who obeyed the gospel call and have been baptized into Christ for their remission of their sins can be grafted into this vine. There are a lot people out there that calls themselves Christians and but many of them have never fully obeyed the Gospel call because instead of baptized into Christ for the remission of their sins they were told to say a sinners prayer or even some have turned baptism into a way to join a denomination. Friends I am here to tell you unless you baptized into Christ for the remission of your sins then you are not a part of the one true vine called Jesus Christ and this means no matter how fruits these people produce no matter how many works they do in the name of God will not be acceptable to him because their labor and their fruit did not come through Jesus. That is why Jesus makes this statement in, Matthew 7: On a more positive note, those of us who are truly branches of Christ can truly say what Paul did in, Philippians 4: Every Christian that abides in Christ can have the confidence that He will be there to help and strengthen us in our time of need. Again it is only when we abide in Christ that it makes it possible for to bear fruit which in turn makes is possible for us to live the abundant life. This brings us to the end of our lesson this morning and I hope that you will return this evening as we continue to examine living the abundant life. Part 2 The morning we began a 2 part series living the abundant life. We talked about how ever Christians can have the abundant life through Jesus. Most of our lesson this morning came from John 15 which taught us that in order to live the abundant life we must part of that one true vine Jesus Christ because if we are not we can never bear fruit that will be acceptable to God. So basically we looked at some fruits that we can bear as

Christians and then we talked about how we must abide in Christ to be able to produce that fruit. Well tonight I want to pick up on this thought and examine the question how do we abide in the vine? Again Jesus answer this question in, John Did you see the answer? Jesus said if you keep my commandments you will abide in my love and he says if you keep his commandments then you are his friend. Also please note, 1 John 3: And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. So without any doubt we can see that if a person wants to abide in Christ so that they can live the abundant life than they must obey God commands. Today there are many who seem to think that the word obedience is dirty word but the Bible makes it very clear that obedience to Gods will is absolutely necessary. For instance notice what Jesus had to say about it. Jesus ran across some people who recognized who Jesus was but they were not following his words and so he asked them this question. Jesus fully understood this and he being our master example has shown us just how important obedience to the father is by his example. For instance in John 4 after Jesus had talked the Samaritan women at the well about how we must worship God in spirit and in truth his disciples came to him urging him to eat and Jesus responds this way, John 4: Jesus understood his priorities and so he was always ready to put the will of the farther first even before filling his own belly. I like what Job says about this concept, Job

Chapter 7 : Grafted into God's Family

From the scientific evidence, it is stubbornly uncertain how the first humans arose, whether from a lineage including ape-like creatures and far humbler ancestors or not.

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. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 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. 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. 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. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. This vascular joining is called inosculation. The technique is most commonly used in asexual propagation of commercially grown plants for the horticultural and agricultural trades. In most cases, one plant is selected for its roots and this is called the stock or rootstock. The other plant is selected for its stems, leaves, flowers, or fruits and is called the scion. In stem grafting, a common grafting method, a shoot of a selected, desired plant cultivar is grafted onto the stock of another type. In another common form called bud grafting, a dormant side bud is grafted onto the stem of another stock plant, and when it has inosculated successfully, it is encouraged to grow by pruning off the stem of the stock plant just above the newly grafted bud. For successful grafting to take place, the vascular cambium tissues of the stock and scion plants must be placed in contact with each other. Successful grafting only requires that a vascular connection take place between the grafted tissues. Joints formed by grafting are not as strong as naturally formed joints, so a physical weak point often still occurs at the graft, because only the newly formed tissues inosculate with each other. The existing structural tissue or wood of the stock plant does not fuse.

Attached-Grafted John 3: 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. And our connection to God through prayer, study and meditation is critical to the health of our graft. What we choose to interact with and be connected to will influence who and what we are, just like a grafted plant. Because we live in a fleshly temple, we need to maintain close fellowship with God in order to keep our flesh in check. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. We need a hungering and thirsting for the things of God. A tree that is thirsty will start to curl its leaves in order to capture any immediate moisture. So should our hearts be set on being with and gleaning from God. We will pursue, what we have a hunger for and if we have a hunger for the things of God we will pursue Him and find him. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. God did not save us to be firewood, he saved us to bear fruit. Find a purpose and bear fruit. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground? And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down. He will allow the keeper of the vineyard to dig up the comfort of your life to jump start you to produce. This is the role of the Pastor as the keeper of the vineyard.

Purged – Two Applications Pruning is for the purpose of encouraging healthy growth. In Present Life Heb Only irresponsible parents leave children to fend for themselves. Would you prefer an irresponsible God? While we were children, our parents did what seemed best to them.

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To maximize yield and ensure a healthy life of your fruit tree, mulch around the drip line, topdress with compost, vermicompost & organic matter regularly, use organic fertilizer high in nitrogen times per year, garden with companion plants of cover crops, flowering plants and herbs!

Tweet "If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root" Romans Through faith in Jesus we have been chosen, called and set apart as his children and heirs in this world. Although once far removed from the promises of God, we have been brought into fellowship with him through Christ Jesus. Once contrary to God and wild by nature, God was able to graft us in, to partake in the blessings of Christ. Paul uses an example of an olive tree and engrafted branches to illustrate his point. Once the branch is joined to the tree, it binds itself to the tree and takes nourishment from the roots just as the natural branches would. As the graft grows it becomes a part of the tree. After a while it is apparent that the branch is one and the same as the original tree. Paul has encouraged us with these words showing us that when we are joined into Christ, we became part of the promises spoken by God. We now receive our nourishment and life through the root which is Christ Jesus. Jesus also spoke of these things in John He said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. Once we are vitally united to the vine we will bear much fruit for the kingdom because of the life that the vine provides to us. When we live taking life from the very essence of God within us, then what is produced in our lives comes from that union. We can do nothing on our own and that is why it is necessary to remain united and joined to the vine drawing life from Him. Once we are joined into the vine we start taking on the characteristics of the vine instead of the nature of our original state. The wild disposition that defined us before starts to fade away. Those things are removed just as a gardener would remove pieces of the branch that hinder its growth. This is a great byproduct of being joined to the vine. Jesus said that the Father prunes us so that we will bear more fruit. He cuts away these things that hinder our growth and are contrary to the kingdom. Jesus said in John 15, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful" John He went on to say that by the words that were spoken we were made clean. His teachings and his word are what prunes us, removing dead branches and works so that we will be more fruitful John This is why it is necessary to remain steadfast in the vine drawing upon Him for the abundant life that he promised to us. Paul understood the vital connection of living our lives drawing from the source of life as opposed to just surviving. This is why he reminds us that we are part of the promise, grafted in to the root, whereby our life is sustained. Today, I am thankful for this reminder. I praise God that he gives us the abundant life promised by Jesus. May you draw your nourishment from the root, flourishing and growing in all good things, amen.

Chapter 9 : Abundant Life Seed Company Is now merged with Territorial Seed Company

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