

The Power of Knowing God

Session 5: The Benefits of Abiding

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Be Strong and Courageous

Our Theme this Season

**Be strong and courageous and do the work.
Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord
God, my God is with you.**

First Chronicles 28:20

Abide

Strong's Greek: 3306. μένω (menó) -- To remain, to abide, to stay, to continue, to dwell, to endure

The Greek verb "μένω" (menó) primarily means to **remain or stay in a given place**, state, or relation. It conveys a sense of persistence and continuity, often implying a steadfastness or **enduring presence**.

In the New Testament, it is frequently used to describe the believer's relationship with Christ, emphasizing a **continual, abiding connection**.

Abide - Old Testament

Berean Strong's Lexicon

Yashab: יָשַׁב (yah-SHAV) To sit, dwell, remain, inhabit

“the idea of God dwelling with His people is a profound theological theme, emphasizing His presence and covenant relationship with Israel.”

Abiding - John 15:1-11 ESV



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“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 does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴ **Abide** in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it **abides** in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide** in me.

⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever **abides** in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶ If anyone does not **abide** in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.

⁷ If you **abide** in me, and my words **abide** in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Abide** in my love.

¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will **abide** in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and **abide** in his love.

¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Video - The Benefits of Abiding by Tony Evans

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Abide in Jesus (Branch illustration) Francis Chan

What did we learn?



Some thoughts.

God grants us the privilege of knowing Him in an intimate way.

We can have a personal relationship with Him through His Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

We can have the ability to bear spiritual fruit as a result of this relationship.

This is now be our identity. A new creation in Christ.
2 Cor 5:17

The seed grows and our relationship deepens as we apply God's Word in our lives.

We can bear much good fruit by abiding in Christ. Or as Tony says, hanging out together.

Practical Application

Speak with the Lord regularly. Why not develop a habit of **“But First Pray”**.

Expand personal knowledge of the Lord. Read and **truly study** the Bible.

Serve the Lord. Partner with Him in things of the Kingdom. I.e. **Get involved** in Ministry.

Continually build that special relationship with Him. **Ask the Holy Spirit** to lead your transformation cultivating the good fruit.

Develop an attitude of **gratitude**. Give thanks in all circumstances.

Discussion

Do you feel you have a personal relationship with God? Why or why not?

What other practical things can we do to truly abide in Christ and build that relationship?

How can we pass this wisdom along to others to help them in their journey?

Giving thanks in all circumstances can be tough. But that's why it's a compelling evangelism tool



TO **A.B.I.D.E.** IN CHRIST / JOHN 15

Acknowledge our need for Christ.

Believe in Christ and His love for us.

Inquire of Christ through His Word.

Depend on Christ through His Holy Spirit.

Exercise our faith in Christ.

An Acrostic, thanks to Reverend Ray Tucker

Let's pray



Glorious Father, Your Word talks about the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the life of every Christian. I welcome the Holy Spirit in my life today. I ask that He will work in my life. May I produce the fruit that Your Holy Word speaks of.

May I learn and practice the right kind of love. Help me to be patient with people. May I persevere in times of challenges. Enable me to forgive those who do things that hurt me and be thankful of everything in my life. Holy Spirit, transform me into the image of Christ that I may be Christlike in word and in action.

Let my life shine and others see the good work of the Holy Spirit in my life.

In Jesus' Mighty Name,

Amen