

Abiding in Christ

John 15:1-11

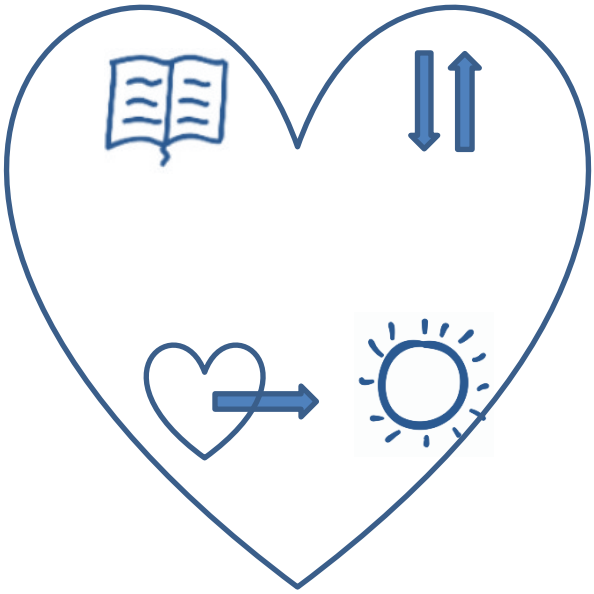


Abiding in Christ means allowing His Word to fill our minds, direct our wills, and transform our affections. In other words, our relationship to Christ is intimately connected to what we do with our Bibles! Then, of course, as Christ's Word dwells in us and the Spirit fills us, we will begin to pray in the will of God and discover the truth of our Lord's often misapplied promise, "You will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you" (John 15:7b).

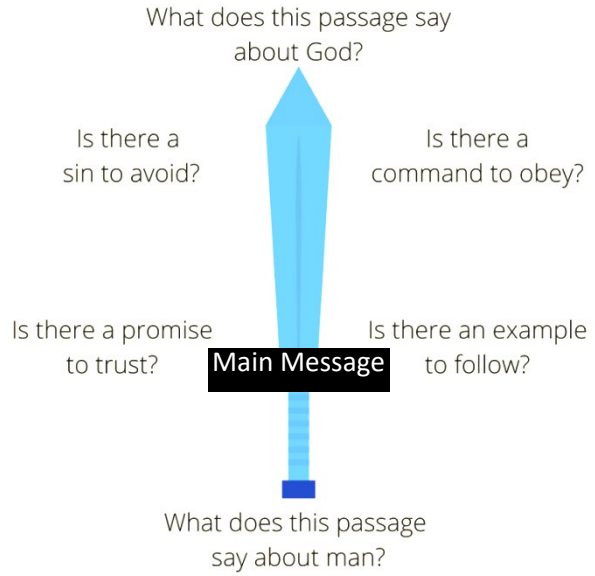
Jesus' desire for his disciples is to bear fruit; but He did not command us to bear fruit but to abide. When we abide in Him, we bear fruit. When we abide in Him, God is glorified and our joy will be full.

5 Essentials of Abiding

1. Word V7
2. Prayer
3. Abiding in His love V9
4. Obey V10
5. Walk in the light 1John 1:5-10



The Sword Method



How this truth is different from my world view

I will statements
- I will...
- I will not...

Quiet Time…

Don't pick up passages randomly; have a regular reading plan.

Read just one passage deeply than many passages or one or two chapters.

Start with a prayer…
"Lord, open my eyes, ears & mind to see, hear and obey your voice"

Read the passage at least 3 times.

Use 'Sword Method' to dig out the truths.

Apply the truths (I will …) to your personal life.

Pray for God's strength to obey.

Write it down.