**Golden Text: John 15:5**

***“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”***

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lory and honor to God Almighty for his mercy and loving kindness towards us. May his name be praised forever more, Amen.

It is pertinent for us to know what it means to abide in the vine, this simply means to dwell/reside in Jesus (vine) ***John15.***

**A Vine** is a plant that has long stem and that grow along the ground or up and around something.

**A** **Branch** is a sub-division of plant stem. Just as we know that a branch cannot exist on its own, i.e. without the vine, so also we as believers cannot exist without Jesus Christ which is referred to as the Vine in the early verse of our text ***(John 15).***

According to ***Philippians 4:13***, we can do all thing because we have him. That is, he abideth in us. He abides in us through the person of Holy Spirit ***(1 Cor. 6:19)*** and you also can abide in him by walking and obeying his commandments ***(John 14:15).***

As it were, **it is possible to do anything outside Christ but all is vanity**. It is the blessing of Godthat maketh rich and add no sorrow.

However, if we abide in him whatever we ask shall be done ***(James 1:5).*** When you abide in him and him in you, then you have power to overcome the world. ***(Acts1:8)***

**HOW DO I ABIDE IN THE VINE?**

* Prayer ***1 Thess. 5:17, Matt. 26:41***
* Spirit of the truth ***John 14:17***
* The Word ***1 John 2:14b***

**PRACTICAL DISCUSSION**

* What is the implementation of not abiding in the vine? ***John 15:4-6***
* What kind of fruit are we to bear?  ***John 15:2, Gal. 5:22***
* What is the reward of not bearing fruit? ***Mark 11:13-14, Mark 11:20, John 15:6***
* How can I abide in him? ***Psalm 119:11.***

**Conclusively,** it is expedient for as many as received him to abide in him because this gives us confident and boldness to overcome any obstacles in our way. ***(I John 4:4)***