

VOICE OF THE VISION

*As one family of Christ guided by His love and light,
His children walked together in reaching out families,
inviting them to church for them to experience the love of the Lord.*



God's Intended Purpose

John 15:1-8 (NKJV)

¹"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ²Every 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. ³You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁶If 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. ⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Introduction

As Jesus speaks with His disciples, He reveals God's purpose: He wants them to bear much fruit. Jesus is the true vine, the Father is the vinedresser, and the disciples are the branches.

A man plants a vineyard for a different reason than when he plants a flower garden. We plant flower gardens, so that we can enjoy the beautiful flowers.

But if you plant a vineyard, your purpose is to harvest a crop of grapes. Your goal is that your vineyard will bear a lot of fruit. If all it produces are flowers and leaves, your efforts in planting have failed.

A true follower of Jesus Christ abides in Him as branches in the true vine, and bear much fruit.

John chapter 15 reflects our priorities as a church and as individual believers.

- First is God-ward, and verses 1 to 11 focus on our relationship with Christ.
- Second is to love one another, which is the point of verses 12 to 17.
- Third priority is to proclaim the Good News to the world, which is the focus of verses 18 to 27.

But, the point of the vine and the branches is that we, who follow Christ, would abide in Him and bear much fruit. That is our purpose as redeemed people. We need to understand the parts of the analogy, so that we can understand how to fulfill our God-given purpose.

A. Jesus Christ is the true vine and His Father is the vinedresser.

Verse 1 - "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser."

This is the seventh and final "I am" claim of Jesus in John's Gospel

(John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7, 11; 11:25; 14:6).

In the Old Testament, Israel was often referred to as God's vine that He planted. It became a national symbol that was on some of their coins. There was a golden vine over the entrance to the temple. In Isaiah 5:1-7, the prophet painted a picture of the Lord planting a vineyard and expecting to find good grapes at the harvest, but it only produced worthless grapes. As a result, the Lord threatened to destroy the vineyard because it did not fulfill His intended purpose. Other Old Testament prophets used the same analogy (Jeremiah 2:21; 6:8-9; Ezekiel 17:6-10; 19:10-14; Hosea 10:1-2). In each case, Israel was God's vine that He planted with the intention that it would bear fruit, but they were disobedient and unfruitful.

Now, Jesus is the true vine because He brought forth the fruit that Israel failed to produce.

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OFFERING MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING



Summer has been made more exciting as UCA officially began the Learning Enrichment and Advancement Program (LEAP)—reaching out to the students and providing them avenues for their enrichment and growth.

Last April 27, Monday, the first set of sessions of the LEAP started and were held in face-to-face and online via Google Meet. With a focus on developing essential academic skills, learners are guided to grow intellectually while remaining rooted in God's wisdom.

Truly, UCA continues to guide and mold them to achieve academic excellence through programs like LEAP. Praise the Lord for UCA!

Held every Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the UCA campus, students undergo series of learning exercises according to their applied competencies. This initiative provides learners the opportunity to strengthen their reading, writing, communication, and mathematical skills through structured academic competencies.

FACE-TO-FACE



ONLINE

Since the pandemic, UCA has continued to offer online distance learning as this widens the scope of the school—even reaching out from one country to another to provide quality education for students all over the world. Through Google Meet, students meet with their teacher for each LEAP session.

Noong taong 1521, isang malakas na bagyo ang lumabas sa karagatan ng Pasipiko. Sa gitna ng alon at hangin, tatlong barko ang naghahirap — mga sasakyang pinamumunuan ni Ferdinand Magellan, isang manlalakbay na taga-Portuges na naglilingkod sa hari ng Espanya.

Sa ika-16 ng Marso, nakita nila ang lupa — ang pulo ng



The start of LEAP marks a meaningful step in advancing both academic growth and spiritual formation. Through face-to-face and online learning, students are given the opportunity to enhance key competencies in preparation for the coming school year.

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Jesus added (John 15:1b), "My Father is the vinedresser." He owns the vineyard and He takes care of the vines. He cuts off the dead branches and prunes the ones that bear fruit, so that they will bear even more fruit. He is in control of the whole process and as the owner, He expects fruit from His vineyard and He does what is necessary for it to bear fruit.

B. Christ's purpose for all branches in Him is that we bear much fruit.

Bearing fruit is a main theme in this analogy. We can see it in both ways. Verse 2 says, "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."

What did Jesus mean by "bear fruit?"

To bear fruit is to see God produce Christlikeness in you.

In this context, it refers to whatever the life of Christ produces in and through the believer who lives in close fellowship with Him.

- It includes obedience to Christ's commandments, especially the command to love one another (John 15:10, 12).

- It extends to all godly behavior (Matthew 7:20; Romans 6:21), such as repentance (Matthew 3:7)

and conduct that is pleasing to the Lord (Ephesians 5:9-10).

- It encompasses experiencing Jesus' peace and joy (John 14:27; 15:11). Since love, joy, and peace are the first three fruits of the Spirit, we can extend the list to include the other fruits (Galatians 5:22-23): "patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

- It refers to seeing people come to Christ through your witness (John 4:36) and seeing them grow in Christ through your influence (Romans 1:13).

The fruit is Christlike character, Christlike conduct, and Christlike converts.

It takes time for fruit to grow and to see all these qualities fully developed in your life. But if

you abide in Christ, you should see growth or progress in these things. Growth in Christlike fruit should be the normal experience of every believer.

Also, the fruit that we produce will vary in amount and in kind according to our spiritual gifts. In the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:3-8), the good soil representing true believers bore fruit, but it varied: some bore a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. The soil that didn't bear any fruit represents those who did not truly believe in Christ.

1 Peter 4:10-11

¹⁰As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

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QUALITY EDUCATION WITHIN REACH

Carrying out the meaningful purpose given by the Lord, United Christian Academy (UCA) and United Christian Fellowship (UCF) not only promoted UCA's quality and flexible education but most especially shared the Good News of Jesus Christ to the students and families of Brgy. Casile, Cabuyao, Laguna.

Last Saturday, May 2, flyer distribution and house-to-house visitations were conducted in several areas in Brgy. Casile. The UCA staff alongside UCF Mt. Tabor Church members gladly shared the gospel to the families seeking Christ, while also inviting the residents to experience UCA's unique academic environment. They emphasized the school's priority for the students' access to a conducive way of learning while instilling the love of Christ in their hearts as an impactful experience.

By emphasizing the marvelous plans of God in their lives, families are assured that UCF and UCA are committed in guiding their child in a way that best suits their personal development by molding them in discovering academic and spiritual excellence.



FLYER GIVING AND HOUSE VISITATION



The heart of UCA is a student-centered approach to learning. By offering flexible education, the school ensures that students can balance their academic responsibilities while developing their unique talents through various programs by the school.



What truly sets UCA apart is its foundation of truth. The school's mission and vision are designed to do more than just teach theoretically; it is a place where students learn about God's love through the teachings of Jesus.



The parents, as well as the students were properly catered by the staff to answer their inquiries regarding the school.



As offered by the teachers during the house-to-house, church has various programs, including free training such as Bookkeeping with NC II in partnership with TESDA.



The purpose of visiting them is to offer various programs of the church and the school to interested learners, especially to out-of-school youth who may have job opportunities after the training.



The essence of this ministry work is about reaching souls—making every effort to share the Gospel with those seeking for the truth that is only found in Christ.

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 For more details, you may approach Bro. Jojo Andal (09778537766)

MATAGUMPAY NA PAGTATAPOS NG UCF COVENANT CUP

Matapos ang mahigit tatlong linggong paglalaro sa UCF Covenant Cup, ang lahat ay nakiisa sa matagumpay na pagtatapos nito noong Abril 29, Miyerkules, kasama ang mga nasasakupan ng Brgy. Casile, Cabuyao, Laguna at ilang mga manggagawa ng UCF.

Sa araw-araw na kanilang paglalaro ay nabuo sa mga manlalaro ang pagkakaisa at pagtutulungan. At kanilang baun-baon ang mga masasayang kaganapan sa loob ng court. Nabigyan din ng parangal ang mga manlalarong nagpakitang gilas at nagbigay sigla sa bawat laro.



Marvin Sumadsad
Super Junior Basketball
Team Pure

"Ang pinakamahalaga kong natutunan ay ang magtiwala sa kakayanan ng aking mga kagrupa, iredpeto ang mga katunggali at palaging magpasalamat sa Panginoon. Ang magandang karanasan na babaunin ko ay iyong pagkatalo namin. Dahil sa pagkatalo namin, nalaman namin kung ano pa ang pwede naming ma-improve."



Lester Jay Ortila
Super Junior Basketball
Team Wise

"Natutunan ko na hindi mahalaga ang magwagi. Ang mahalaga ikaw ay nakiisa at nakipagtulungan. Ang aking babaunin ay ang masasayang karanasan at laging isipin na laro at libangan lamang ito kaya laging baunin ang salitang sportsmanship at huwag pairalin ang init ng ulo."

SUPER JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Kahit na sa murang edad, kanilang pinaghuusay ang galing nila sa paglalaro ng basketball. Kaya naman kaabang-abang ang kanilang pagkabilang sa championship round.



John Edrian Canubas
Super Daddy Basketball
Team Hope

"Natutunan ko ang maging mahinahon sa paglalaro. Ang tagumpay ay hindi lamang tungkol sa pagpanalo sa laro. Ang maglaro ka ng kasama si Lord ay panalong-panalo ka na. Ang babaunin kong masayang karanasan ay ang maglaro nang hindi lamang pagkapanalo ang iniisip, kung hindi paano maging maganda ang laro ng bawat isa.



Sa kabila ng kanilang mga kaabalahan bilang mga haligi ng tahanan, ang mga dakilang tatay ay nagbigay pa rin ng kanilang oras upang makilahok sa paglalaro ng basketball kasama ang kanilang mga kaibigan at kabarangay.

SUPER DADDY BASKETBALL



Roy Reyes
Super Daddy Basketball
Team Courage

"Ang pinakamahalaga kong natutunan ay teamwork. Mas malakas ang bawat team kapag nagtutulungan ang lahat. Natutunan ko rin ang sportsmanship at disiplina sa laro. Mahalaga rin ang respeto sa katunggali at teammates. Ang masaya ko namang babauning karanasan ay ang pagkakaibigan na nabuo sa laro at iyong tawanan, kulitan at cheer bago at pagkatapos ng mga laro."



Ang pag-iingat ng Panginoon ay kanila ring naranasan sa loob ng tatlong linggong paglalaro. Kaya naman sa lahat ng tagumpay na ito, ang Panginoon pa rin ang Siyang ating itataas.

LADY SPIKER VOLLEYBALL

Ang mga manlalaro ay nagpamalas ng kanilang husay sa volleyball kung saan ang bawat isa ay kinakitaan ng pagtutulungan at suportahan upang magwagi sa championship round.



Edith Onte
Lady Spiker Volleyball
Team Graceful

"Natutunan ko na maging ate sa mga bata kong ka-team. Ang mga masasayang karanasan ko sa Covenant Cup ay iyong maglaro na kahit manalo o matalo ay masaya pa rin. Salamat po sa inyong palaro. Isa rin sa natutunan ko ay lagi kong ibinibigay sa taas ang magiging resulta ng laro."



Miramar Caranay
Lady Spiker Volleyball
Team Merciful

"Ang pinakamahalagang natutunan ko ay ang pagkakaroon ng aming grupo ng teamwork at good communication. Ang magandang karanasan na babaunin ko ay iyong tiwala at suporta ng bawat team sa isa't isa."



Hindi makakaila ang angking galing ng mga manlalaro kaya naman ang suporta ay nag-uumpaw mula sa mga nanunuod. Sila ay nagbigay ng isang labang kapana-panabik.



Mary Grace Bahiwag
Lady Spiker Volleyball
Team Lovely

"Ang isa sa pinaka mahalagang natutunan ko sa UCF Covenant Cup ay ang pagiging humble at kind. Natutunan ko ring mag-share ng kaalaman sa mga nagnanais matuto sa larong volleyball. Nagkaroon din kami ng bond sa isa't isa dahil sa larong volleyball sa pamamagitan ng UCF Covenant Cup."



Ang court ay napuno ng mga taga-suporta upang tunghayan ang kinaaabangang championship round. Hindi rin sila binigo ng mga manlalaro sa ganda ng kanilang mga laban.

CLOSING CEREMONY

Matagumpay na idinaos ang pagtatapos ng programa ng UCF Covenant Cup sa pangunguna ng mga manggagawa ng UCF Mt. Tabor Church. Kanila ring pinasalamatan ang bawat isang sumubaybay at nakiisa sa programa. Kaya naman hinikayat ang mga manlalaro na ipagpatuloy ang kanilang paghuhusay sa kanilang mga isport.



Rhainel Apan
Super Junior Basketball
Team Honest

"Ang pinamahalang natutunan ko sa UCF Covenant Cup ay ang maging mabait na player sa mga kapwa player. Natutunan ko rin ang magpakumbaba at tumanggap ng aking pagkakamali. Isa sa mga babaunin kong karanasan ay iyong naka 57 points ako sa isang game dahil first time kong makakuha ng ganoong kataas na puntos."



Romnick Germina
Super Daddy Basketball
Team Courage

"Natutunan ko maging palaging kalmado sa bawat laro. Hindi ko makakalimutan ang naging palaro sa UCF Covenant Cup. Sobrang saya namin ng aking team. Kaya naman nagpapasalamat ako ng marami."



Jasmine Casalme
Ladies' Volleyball
Team Graceful

"Ang natutunan ko ay ang pagiging understanding lalo na sa mga error na nagagawa ng bawat isa sa team namin. Natutunan ko rin ang kindness at respect na ipapakita natin sa loob at labas ng court, at iyong pagdadasal bago magsimula ang game."

AWARDING

Matapos ang ilang linggong pakikipaglaro ng *Super Junior Basketball*, *Super Daddy Basketball*, at *Lady Spiker Volleyball* sa UCF Covenant Cup ay ang opisyal na pagtatapos ng programa. Dito ay isa-isang ginawaran ng mga sertipiko, tropeo, at medalya ang bawat miyembro at grupong nagpamalas ng likas na galing sa bawat laro.



Maliban sa mga sertipiko, tropeo, at medalya na kanilang natanggap ay ang baun-baon din nila ang mga aral na kanilang natutunan sa bawat laro. Kanilang ipinamalas, hindi lamang ang kanilang talento, kung hindi maging dedikasyon, pagtutulungan, at pagkakaisa sa grupo.



Naroon man ang pisikal na kapaguran, ngunit naroon din sa kanilang mga puso ang kagalakan na maging kabahagi ng UCF Covenant Cup 2026.



Malugod na tinanggap ng mga nagwagi ang bawat gantimpala na siya ring bunga ng kanilang pagpapagal at pagpursigi.

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"If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The branches that do not bear fruit are cut off and thrown into the fire.

Two verses teach this: John 15:2a, "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away...." And, John 15:6, "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned."

Since Jesus is the true vine, the fulfillment of how Israel was pictured in the Old Testament, the branches in Him that are taken away and cast into the fire do not represent true believers, but rather those who think that they are Christians because they go to church. They lack genuine evidence that they are believers; they lack the fruit of Christlikeness in their lives. They are like those that James spoke about, who say they have faith but have no works.

The branches that bear fruit are pruned so that they will bear much fruit.

The Father prunes the branches that bear fruit, so that they will

bear more fruit. In verse 5, the branches that abide in Christ bear much fruit. This points to the process involved in bearing fruit, which takes time. At first, you will bear some fruit. But as time goes on, you should bear more fruit. Finally, the vinedresser wants you to bear much fruit.

To accomplish this, Jesus cleans you with His word and the vinedresser prunes you. Jesus said (John 15:3), "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you." Their sins are forgiven, but the Father prunes them repeatedly, so that they will become more fruitful.

The pruning is the essential discipline that all true children of God must experience if they are to grow "the peaceful fruit of righteousness."

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 who have been trained by it.

And you cannot bear fruit for the Lord unless the heavenly Gardener prunes your life. Pruning is not very pleasant when it happens, but it yields a bigger, better crop of fruit in the long run. The fact is, when we come into the Christian life, we all bring a lot of the flesh and the world with us. God is gracious not to slice it all away at once, or we would bleed to death!

But if you want to be like Christ, it has got to go. If that sounds unpleasant, keep in mind that His aim is that His joy would be in us and our joy would be made full (John 15:11). But you have got to submit to the pruning process, trusting that the Father knows what He is doing.

C. As branches in the true vine, we must abide in Christ.

The verb "abide in me" means "live in such a manner that you are at home in Me and that I am at home in you." It is much the same as in John 14:23, where Jesus said that both He and the Father would come to the one who keeps His word and make their home with him.

John 14:23
Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

Jesus is looking at the overall direction of our lives. To know Him as Savior and Lord means that we invite Him to move into our lives and live there as the permanent Lord of all we are and do. As He lives there, we do not do anything that would make Him uncomfortable to be there.

Ephesians 3:17
that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

The longer He lives with us, the closer we grow to know and to

love Him. Jesus promises to love and to disclose Himself to the one who has and obeys His commandments.

John 14:21
He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

The abiding relationship means to be dependent on Christ, as His words (John 15:5) indicate, "For apart from Me, you can do nothing." He means that apart from dependence on Him, we can't bear good fruit that remains (John 15:16). But abiding is not an effortless, passive matter, as it sometimes is taught. The Bible talks about the need to strive against sin (Hebrews 12:4). Paul said that he labored and strived for Christ, but added that he did so "according to His power, which mightily works within me" (Colossians 1:29). He pictured the Christian life as a battle, a fight, and an athletic contest (Ephesians 6:10-12, 1 Corinthians 9:26-27; 2 Timothy 4:7).

Challenge
- Am I bearing fruit for His kingdom?
- Am I joyfully submitting to His loving pruning in my life?
- Am I daily abiding in Christ, making Him at home in my heart?

That is the purpose for which He saved you. Don't live for anything less!

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