

**Life Out on the Limb**  
**1 Corinthians 3:10-23**  
**January 19, 2024**

**Fruit or No Fruit... That is the Question**

**Secure in Jesus... The Established Vine**

**Fostering Fruit-bearing**

- **Only One True Vine**
  
- **Tending the Branches**
  
- **Testing the Fruit**

**We provide the Vine, God produces the Fruit**

**Don't Be Deceived by Worldly Ways**

**God owns the Vineyard**

**Make it Count: A Steady Harvest = Glory to God**

**Beyond Sunday...**

**Verse of the Week**

*"Not everyone who calls me , 'Lord, Lord,'  
will enter the kingdom of heaven,  
but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."  
Matthew 7:21*

*This week... read Scripture passages that reveal relying on God and staying true to His Word through Ezra and Nehemiah.  
Read the passages and then write down what you learn.*

**Monday** – 2 Chronicles 36:22-23, Ezra 1:1-2:70

**Tuesday** – Ezra 3:1-6:22

**Wednesday** – Ezra 7:1-10:44

**Thursday** – Nehemiah 1:1-4:23

**Friday** – Nehemiah 5:1-9:38

**Saturday** – Nehemiah 10:1-13:30

**ENGAGE**

*What keeps you trusting in God?  
What evidence is there in your life that you do trust in God?  
Is there enough evidence in your life to convict you of being a follower of Jesus Christ? Are you green and growing for God or are you brown and dying in your faith? Are you a Christian in name only; what needs to change?  
What fruit is visibly being produced in your life?*

**CHALLENGE**

*This Week: Pray for God to reveal and cut off any dead branches in your life; and pray for God to prune the fruit bearing branches, to produce more fruit for His glory.*

**Our theme for 2025 is STEADFAST**

*"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable,  
always abounding in the work of the Lord,  
knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."  
1 Corinthians 15:58*