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(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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“Apart from Me, you can do nothing.” How’s that for words from our Savior concerning the truth about what our human efforts do for us. Our human efforts do Nothing! Speaks volumes, doesn’t it?

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Wow. Nothing means nothing...So let me give you a quick background on this verse so you can see how powerful it is on so many levels.

*The Jewish leaders were jealous and wanted to kill Him. They were treating Him as a blasphemer. Is that crazy or what? It’s at this point in time that Jesus takes the opportunity to open up the truth about their actions and where their hearts really were. He was exposing what was really within them. And friends, when He exposes what is inside us, it doesn’t feel good!*

*They wanted people to look at them. They didn’t want people looking at God. It was all about them. Unfortunately today isn’t much different. There are many leaders who make things all about them.*

Jesus wasn't acting independently or apart from God. He constantly let people know you cannot serve two masters. It’s one or the other. There is no middle ground here. You either serve one or the other.

The Son was and is in full union with the Father. He does nothing apart from the Father. He did whatever the Father wanted him to do and only what Father wanted him to do.

Jesus was never apart from the Father (except that moment of time when He took our sin upon Himself at the cross). Jesus’ mission was clear. There was nothing that He did apart from the Father.

Today, He is speaking to us regarding our position. We should not be apart from Him anymore then He was apart from the Father.

Think about it. We see everywhere that He was one with the Father. We see that all He received or what we receive comes from the Father. He does nothing on His own! He was utterly, completely dependent on God. He does NOT separate from the Father.

Our mission is the same as the Son's who went about doing the Father's business, following the mission which the Father sent Him to fulfill and doing nothing apart from the Father.

This is not just a play on words. These Words are LIFE for us. The imagery is for our benefit. This is part of God's divine plan for us, doing nothing apart from Him.

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 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. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned" (John 15:1-6).*

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