

# The Gardener

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John 15:1-17

## Picture 1 – A Plant

**Vine** – Jesus

**Branch** – Us

**Gardener** – Father

**Fruit and Branches** – Careful with analogies!

Branches – point – useless

Fruit – fruit of Spirit? New Followers? More!

**Visible** – What you see, How you recognize

**Food** – Beauty, Taste, Nourishment

**Reproduction** – Fruit Multiplies

**Spontaneous and Indirect** – Healthy Plants Naturally Produce Fruit

## Picture 2 – A Life

**Real and Possible!**

**Picture** it, then **Live** in it

Consider – People you know

Consider – Your own experience

Consider – the First Christians (16)

- Connection – Fruit (4-5)
- Friendship with God (14-15)
- Love-Obedience (9-10)
- Love Each Other (17, 12-13)
- Prayer (7-8)
- Joy (11)

## Picture 3 – The Gardener

**The God Jesus Knows**

God wants you to live this beautiful life

He went to great effort to make it possible

He is personally involved with you