

## PRAYER LESSON 147

### Pray To Remain Attached To Jesus

Have you heard some one say, “Prayer is work.” They’re right, but we should not see prayer as drudgery. Rather, prayer is part of our assignment, the things God expects us to do here on earth. In order for us to carry out our God-given assignments we must remain connected to God. Jesus used the illustration of the vine and the branches to get this point across to his listeners. He said that for the branches to remain alive and to bear fruit they must remain attached to the trunk of the vine.

Using this illustration, he said in John 15:4 **Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.** The requirement is really quite simple. All that is required of us is to remain attached to the vine, that is Jesus, from whom we get our spiritual nourishment. It seems that, like the detached branch, we are unable to do anything of value if we lose our connection to Jesus.

Jesus illustrates this connectedness again in John 14:20, where he says, **On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.** The very Spirit of Almighty God is in us to see that we remain attached to the source of our spiritual life. As a result of this connection to the vine, Jesus, we are able to carry out the work we are called to do. The fruit we produce will result in souls saved and much good accomplished, and the coming of God’s kingdom here on earth.

All of this work must be surrounded by prayer, as this is the main way we remain connected to Jesus. If we remain connected to Jesus, and continue to carry out the work he has assigned us, we will be able to say with Jesus in John 17:4, **I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.**