

1st John # 09

“Spiritual Life Mechanics”

*John 15:3-4*

**The Holy Spirit indwells us for the purpose of glorifying TLJC and this indwelling teams up with the filling of the Holy Spirit to glorify God; however, indwelling alone does not guarantee glorification of Jesus Christ.**

The main thrust of John 15 and 1st John is that we are to live in fellowship with TLJC which requires avoidance of grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit.

*A characteristic of experiential abiding fellowship in the Lord Jesus is continuous application of Jesus' new commandment to love one another as He loves us.*

**System testing distracts us from momentum when we become preoccupied with self or we resent human injustice to the point of self-pity or when we become bitter and seek revenge instead of leaving the problem in the Lord's hands.**

The purpose of pruning is so the branch puts all its energy into fruit bearing and isn't distracted by other things.

*We can get distracted with great things to do in life but God wants to prune us to get our focus on the purpose for which He saved us, which is to bear fruit that honors Him.*

With Lordship salvation, you never really know if you're accepted in the brethren, there's no assurance of salvation, it's speculation at best.

**Like sterilizing canning jars for winter food storage to prevent spoilage, Jesus cleans us for a purpose; so He says in effect; “Here's what you do with all that I've given to you” answering the question: after salvation, what's next?**

A believer can be very active in his church and social life and yet remain unfruitful or non-Christlike.

*Salvation doesn't guarantee abiding fellowship; the terms are not synonymous.*

Abiding fellowship is available to all believers as a result of and because of the fact that we have a secure positional relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Unless a branch gets its nourishment from the vine, it produces no fruit.**

Just as our lungs are of absolutely no value to us without air, the branch is absolutely non-productive without biblical truth, so it's grace!

*The secret to a fruitful branch, is it abides in the true Vine and it's not the effort of the branch that produces the grapes.*

The stability of our relationship with Jesus Christ depends upon positional truth and the power of our relationship depends on the filling of the Holy Spirit to abide in Him.