

"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." *John 15:4 KJV*



There is a plant that grows in the jungle called an "air plant." It grows on trees but is not part of the tree. It uses the tree to lift itself into the light, but it is only floral; it bears no fruit. Many orchids are air plants, appearing to be part of the tree until closely inspected. It draws its nourishment from its environment, not from the tree. Satan has sown many tares in God's wheat field that do nothing but rob nourishment from the wheat. Many are Sunday Christians, but live for the world the rest of the week. They bear no "Fruit of the Spirit" in their life. Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." Oh, they make a great flowery show of faithfulness, but show no fruit. "The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance." The fruit of any believer is not their own, but it is of the "Spirit of Truth" that indwells them. When strong winds of opposition blow, unbelievers suddenly are floating in the wind. "These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever." They make a great pretense of Godliness, but Church, to them, is only a social club or list of contacts. They make a great show of giving a pittance, but rarely tithe. They'll sing in the choir as long as it gives them some status, but are usually nowhere to be found when cleanup or real work is needed. They never want to fellowship around Scripture except to argue. The branch that bears the fruit is part of the tree. You won't get orchids from a fig tree, but you won't get nourishment from orchids. Orchids are pretty, but worthless for food. Only the branches that grow from the tree continue to bear fruit season after season. Have you ever noticed the most tried saints, produce the sweetest Fruit? Only a true branch gets its nourishment from the Vine alone. It will bear up under the closest scrutiny. It will not blow away in the wind. It will remain as long as the Vine is alive. It will endure pruning and produce more Fruit.

Abide in Truth and fruit you'll bear,  
No matter circumstance or care,  
A smiling face you'll always wear,  
Knowing your God is ever there. -CGP

An air plant cares not to which tree it attaches as long as it can be elevated to its desired height. Satan is "the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience." We must be careful to discern who is a branch of the True Vine and who is simply attached to it for personal gain. "By their fruits ye shall know them." At harvest time, the tares will be separated out and burned. "The field is the world; the good seed are the Children of the Kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world." Make sure you are part of the true Vine for without Him "ye are nothing" and you will burn! Examine your fruit; is it yours or does it come from the true Vine?

"But the Anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same Anointing teacheth you of all things, and is Truth, and is no lie, and even as It hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him. And now, little children, abide in Him; that, when He shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." *1 John 2:27-28 KJV*