

*A New Identity:
Exposing the False Self*



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“I tend to go through life trying ... to create a self each day rather than to simply receive a self each day.”

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And any self that is created by anything or anyone other than the Creator, the God that breathed me into being, can only be false.

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*Any self that I create or
manufacture is a false self
because it is just a cheap
imitation, adaptation,*

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*or distortion of the me I was
created to be by the One
who dreamt me into being
before the foundations of
the earth.”*

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What is the False Self?





“It’s the part of us that “operates primarily in fear, preoccupied with acceptance and approval and finding our worth in things outside of us.”

Evidence of the False Self



Lives in fear

Is preoccupied with acceptance and approval

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*Blinds us to the light and truth of
our own emptiness and hollowness*

*Demands to be noticed - craving
complements*

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*Gains identity & status from
achievement and connection with
"important" others*

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The Religious False Self





“Our religious false self may be rigorous in religiosity, devoted in discipleship and sacrificial in service—without being in loving union with God.”

Dr. M. Robert Mulholland, Jr.

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“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 7:21 (NIV)

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Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'

Matthew 7:22 (NIV)

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*Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never
knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'*

Matthew 7:23 (NIV)

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Staying Connected



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“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

John 15:1 (NIV)

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He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

John 15:2 (NIV)

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*You are already clean because of the
word I have spoken to you.*

John 15:1 (NIV)

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Remain in me, as I also 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.

John 15:4 (NIV)

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“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5 (NIV)

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If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

John 15:6 (NIV)

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:7 (NIV)

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*This is to my Father's glory, that you
bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be
my disciples.*

John 15:8 (NIV)

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“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

John 15:9 (NIV)

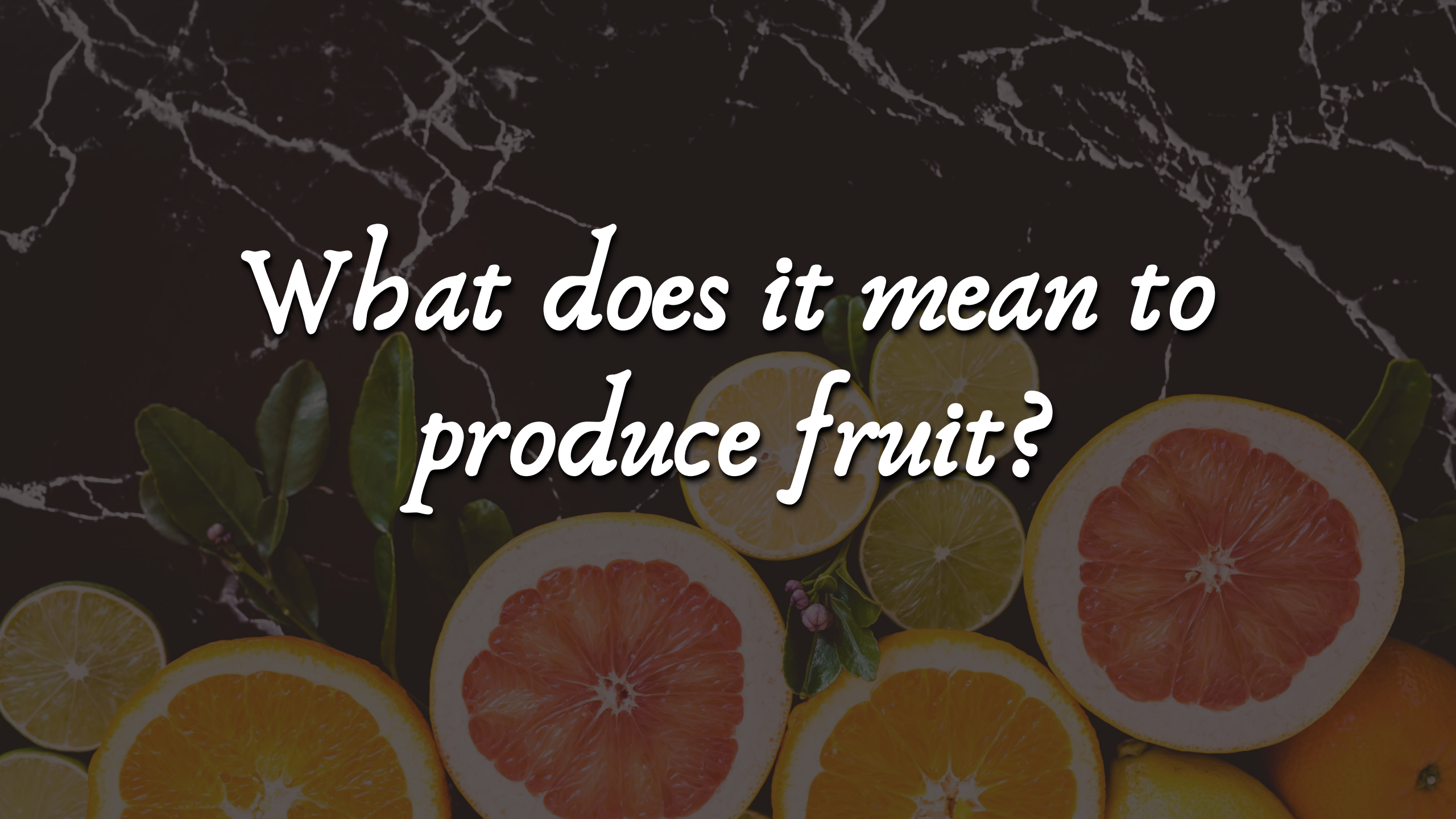
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If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

John 15:10 (NIV)

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*What does it mean to
produce fruit?*



*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.*

Galatians 5:23 (NIV)

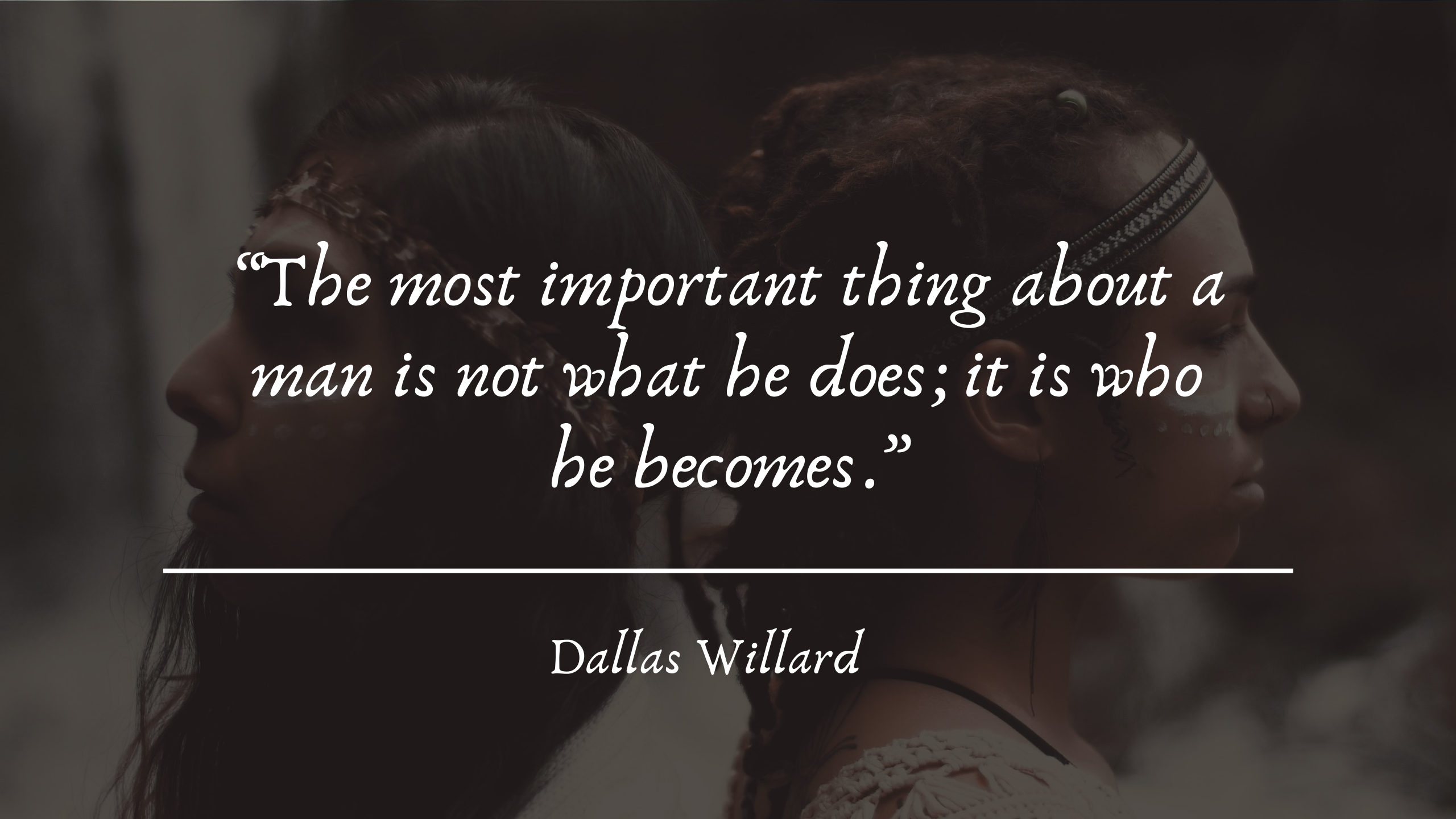
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Character

Performance




“The most important thing about a man is not what he does; it is who he becomes.”

Dallas Willard

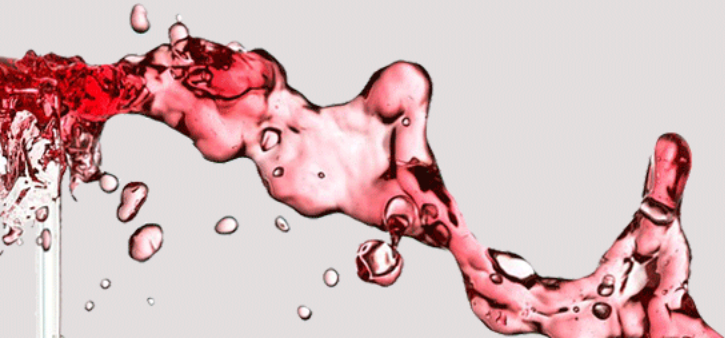
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*What does it mean to
remain/abide in the vine?*

To continue; to dwell



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*How can we stay connected to the
vine on a daily basis?*

Meditation

Contemplation

How can we stay connected to the vine on a daily basis?

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ABIDE *in* ABBA
and FIND *your* TRUE
(*authentic*) SELF.

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It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 (NIV)

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