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## **AVAILABLE TO HIS PURPOSE**

**Scripture: John 15 v 16 (NKJV)**

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

This is what it means to ABIDE - "patiently resting in Christ" (1 John 5:14), confident that He, the vine will produce the fruit. A healthy branch will bear fruit. The responsibility of producing fruit is not on us; that is the responsibility of Christ, the Vine. Our part is to be healthy branches, living in union and communion with Him, so we can bear the fruit that He produces - John 15:5b... *for without Me you can do nothing.*

**Available to His purpose:** Having accepted the Vine's purpose for my life, I must now make myself available to Him. (Gal 2: 20-21; Gal 3:26-27) Godliness results from Jesus Christ living in and through you by the Holy Spirit.

Any attempt to achieve righteousness though a list of external do's and don'ts is fruitless (Micah 6:6). Walk humbly before Him (Spirit); to love mercy (care for each other); and to do justly (Christian core values - Gal 6:10). All this is based on the "effective, continued prayer of a righteous man..." As Jesus teaches us: "Our Father which art in Heaven..."

**His Word is our will:** It is easy for religion to become just a matter of words (to take the Bible literally, but not seriously - Hosea 8:12).

His Words abiding in us (John 15:7). "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

Unfortunately, instead of a home for God's Word in our hearts, many of us have made our heart into a Hotel, and check out time is a Sunday at 11 am.

1 Jn 2:3-5 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. (NKJ)

**Close:** Prov 3:1-6

My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; For length of days and long life and peace they will add to you. Let not mercy and truth forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, And so find favour and high esteem in the sight of God and man. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.