

“Strategy for the Harvest”

John 15:1-17

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A successful harvest requires a proven strategy. God is working toward a spiritual harvest, and His strategy for producing spiritual fruit is clearly seen.

God’s strategy centers on Jesus (vs. 1).

Compare remaining in Him, and not remaining:

Remain

Pruned (vs. 2)

Bear Fruit (vs. 3-5)

Bring God Glory (vs. 7-8)

Not Remain

Cut Off (vs. 2)

Thrown away (vs. 6)

No Fruit Survives (vs. 6)

Strategy (How?)

1. Love Jesus (vs. 9).
2. Love Each Other (vs. 12; vs. 17).
3. Love Sacrificially (vs. 13).
4. Love Obediently (vs. 10; vs. 14).

Results

1. We find true joy. (vs. 11).
2. We become a friend of God. (vs. 15).
3. We bear spiritual fruit. (vs. 16).