

Tended By the Gardener

John 15:1-8

1. A personal pruning—and praise
 - a. Discovery of God's Word turned into a love of words.
 - b. Pursuing the publishing dream.
 - c. When writing was pruned from my heart.

2. Fruitless branches are cut off by the gardener.
 - a. False disciples.
 - b. False prophets.
 - c. Anyone attached to a false vine.

3. Fruitful branches are pruned—cleansed—to be more fruitful.
 - a. Greek word is *kathairo*, "to make clean."
 - b. Fruitfulness is abiding in Christ.
 - c. The Lord's Prayer is the True Vine's Prayer.