

## **Two More Lessons From The Vineyard** Lessons From the Vinyard - Part 5

**John 15:1-17**

- I. The Key to Abiding is Obeying. (vs. 10, 14)
  - A. Two reasons why this is true.
    1. *Everything in life obeys God's laws, except man.*
    2. *Obedience involves the will.*
  - B. Three reasons why we should want to obey.
    1. *It leads to abiding/yields fruit.*
    2. *Avoids the consequences of disobedience.*
    3. *Obedience releases power; in faith, stepping out in obedience.*
- II. The Key to Obeying is Loving (God). (9, 10)
  - A. Three motives for obeying.
    1. *Fear of the consequences - does not lead to abiding.*
    2. *We want to get something (selfishness) - does not lead to abiding.*
    3. *Doing the will of God from the heart (Ephesians 6:6) - leads to abiding.*
  - B. Four reasons why love leads to obedience.
    1. *Love focuses on the person.*
    2. *Love doesn't calculate the sacrifice - love just gives.*
    3. *Love views God's Word as an expression of His Love*
    4. *Love leads to loving obedience and not religious performance.*