

# Living the Way

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**John 15:18-25 (NKJV)** - <sup>18</sup>“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup>If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. <sup>20</sup>Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. <sup>21</sup>But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. <sup>22</sup>If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup>He who hates Me hates My Father also. <sup>24</sup>If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. <sup>25</sup>But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’

The ultimate sign of our willingness to be pruned is the acceptance that we are \_\_\_\_\_ than the master.

Here’s the Problem: We will have a hard time becoming like Jesus—if deep down we believe that we \_\_\_\_\_ better than Him (that’s hard to admit)!

Remember This: This new way of living says you don’t have to \_\_\_\_\_.

How do we get the most out of the pruning process?

Practice unresponsiveness to the \_\_\_\_\_: Not to the people—but to the way of doing life independently from God! (1 John 2:15-17)

We practice unresponsiveness to the world by doing God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

When we practice His will we \_\_\_\_\_ to know Him: 1 John 5:1-5, 20.

We learn that \_\_\_\_\_ only grows from crucifixion: (Galatians 5:16-24, 6:14)

By walking in the Spirit—we \_\_\_\_\_ to the need to \_\_\_\_\_ for ourselves. (Colossians 3:1-17 NLT)

Additional Scriptures: Romans 8:16-18