

THE 5/20 PROJECT

For God so Loved He Gave...



Kingdom Principle 155

The Vine Never Follows Trends

Every generation experiences trends.

Fashion changes. Technology changes. Politics change. Church methods change. Business models evolve. Even our understanding of success shifts with time.

Humanity is continually chasing what appears to be the next great thing.

Perspective changes with trends.

Jesus never does.

Holy Spirit never does.

The Kingdom never does.

The Original Never Needs Improvement

In the beginning, God spoke everything into existence.

He created light, water, food, work, beauty, relationships, and seed. Everything He created contained within itself the ability to reproduce according to His design.

"Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed..."

Genesis 1:11

Notice that God did not create trends. He created life.

Humanity creates trends around His provision.

God created cotton. We create clothing styles.

God created color. We create fashion.

God created sound. We create music genres.

God created trees. We create furniture.

God created imagination. We create art.

God created generosity. We create fundraising campaigns.

God created love. We create programs attempting to imitate what only love can accomplish.

We often congratulate ourselves on our creativity, yet every invention begins with materials we did not create. Every idea begins with a mind we did not design. Every opportunity begins with resources God first provided.

We have become remarkably skilled at rearranging God's creation.

Only God creates life.

The Branch Never Invents Fruit, nor does it eat its own fruit.

Jesus shifts our attention away from trends and back to relationship.

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser."
John 15:1

Everything changes once we understand that picture.

A branch has only one responsibility:

Remain connected.

The branch never wakes up wondering,

"What fruit should I invent today?"

It simply remains in the vine.

Life flows.

Fruit appears.

The branch receives before it gives.

It depends before it produces.

It rests before it works.

This is completely opposite the world's perspective.

The world teaches us to achieve.

Jesus teaches us to abide.

The world celebrates performance.

Jesus celebrates relationship.

The world urges us to become successful.

Jesus simply invites us to remain connected.

Holy Spirit Is the Life Within the Vine

Holy Spirit continually carries the life of Christ into every believer.

He never points attention to Himself.

He continually points to Jesus.

He reminds us where life originates.

Where wisdom originates.

Where compassion originates.

Where creativity originates.

Everything genuine flows from Christ.

Apart from Him we may accomplish impressive things, but eternal fruit only grows from abiding in Him.

Jesus said,

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me... apart from Me you can do nothing."

John 15:4–5

Notice what Jesus did not say.

He did not say,

"Without Me you can do very little."

He said,

"Apart from Me you can do nothing."

Nothing eternal.

Nothing carrying His life.

Nothing advancing His Kingdom.

The Heart of The 5/20 Project

Many people assume The 5/20 Project is about twenty-dollar bills.

It is not.

The money simply reveals the Vine.

Five twenty-dollar bills are not the mission.

They are reminders.

Each morning an influencer places a twenty-dollar bill into a pocket and quietly prays,

"Holy Spirit, how are You going to serve me today as I serve others?"

That prayer changes everything.

Now the influencer is no longer searching for opportunities.

He is remaining connected.

He is no longer trying to manufacture ministry.

He is listening.

Holy Spirit highlights someone.

The influencer obeys.

The money leaves the pocket.

Love leaves the heart.

Jesus becomes visible.

The fruit was never manufactured.

It simply flowed from the Vine.

Receiving Before Giving

The branch teaches another profound lesson.

It never gives what it has not first received.

This is one of the central truths of The 5/20 Project.

You cannot give what you have not first received.

Before we encourage, we receive encouragement.

Before we forgive, we receive forgiveness.

Before we show compassion, we receive compassion.

Before we love, we receive His love.

Every morning becomes less about preparing to give. It becomes preparing to receive.

Stop.

Rest.

Receive.

Then give.

The world says,

"Try harder."

Jesus says,

"Remain."

The world says,

"Produce."

Jesus says,

"Abide."

The world says,

"Become."

Jesus says,

"Receive."

There Is a Soul Attached to Every Twenty-Dollar Bill

Money is not the treasure.

People are.

Every twenty-dollar bill carries the possibility of a divine appointment.

Not because of its purchasing power, but because of the person who will receive it.

There is a soul attached to every twenty dollars.

Holy Spirit already knows who that person is.

The influencer does not.

That is why listening matters.

The gift is never random.

The amount is never the miracle.

The miracle is that Heaven already knows the recipient before the giver ever leaves home.

The Currency of Heaven

The world measures wealth by accumulation.

The Kingdom measures wealth by love.

Money is the currency of the world.

Love is the currency of the Kingdom.

Money simply transports love.

When surrendered to Holy Spirit, it becomes seed.

The miracle is never the seed.

The miracle is the life hidden within the seed.

The Greatest Trend Is Returning to the Original

Throughout history, movements have risen and faded.

Methods have changed.

Styles have changed.

Churches have changed.

Technology has changed.

Yet every genuine revival share one unmistakable characteristic.

People returned to Jesus.

Holy Spirit has never been interested in creating the next religious trend.

He continually returns people to the Original.

Back to the Vine.

Back to abiding.

Back to dependence.

Back to love.

Back to Christ Himself.

The 5/20 Project is not a movement built upon money.

It is a community of branches choosing to remain connected to the Vine.

The twenty dollars simply becomes visible fruit.

The true miracle is not that someone receives money.

The true miracle is that the life of Christ flowed through one branch into another life.

That is fruit that remains.

That is the Kingdom.

Trends will continue to come and go. Perspectives will continue to change. But the Vine has never changed, because Christ has never changed. The branch has never been asked to follow the trends. It has only been invited to remain in the Vine. Everything else is fruit.

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