

Welcome To 2022!

I. Step One: John 15:1-12

- A. This is about a journey.
- B. Being pruned. Following the Lord's commands. Abiding in His love.
 - 1. These are all continual things. Not one time things.
 - 2. The Lord is the One who leads!
 - a) He is pruning.
 - b) He is leading.
 - c) He is the reason fruit is produced!
- C. vs. 9-11 *The Passion Translation* "I love each of you with the same love that the Father loves me. You must continually let my love nourish your hearts. If you keep my commands, you will live in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands, for I continually live nourished and empowered by his love. My purpose for telling you these things is so that the joy that I experience will fill your hearts with overflowing gladness!"
 - 1. Be nourished-
 - 2. Be empowered-
 - 3. By the Lord's love!!

II. Step Two: Psalm 86:11

- A. NASB "Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name."
 - 1. teach = to throw, shoot, archers shot, To flow as water (i.e. to rain);
 - 2. way = way, road, distance, journey, manner
- B. Other Versions:
 - 1. The Message "Train me, God to walk straight; then I'll follow your true path. *Put me together, one heart and mind*; then, undivided, I'll worship in joyful fear" vs. 15-16 "But you, O God, are both tender and kind, not easily angered, immense in love, and you never, never quit. So look me in the eye and show kindness, give your servant the strength to go on, save your dear, dear child!" (*emphasis mine*)
 - 2. TPT vs.11 "Teach me more about you, how you work and how you move, so that I can walk onward in your truth until everything within me brings honor to your name."
 - 3. NLT "Teach me your ways, O LORD, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you."
 - 4. Amplified "Teach me Your way, O Lord, I will walk *and* live in Your truth; Direct my heart to fear Your name [with awe-inspired reverence and submissive wonder]."

III. Conclusion

- A. This is going to be a great year. It's going to be a great life!
- B. The Lord is with you.
- C. Trust Him.
- D. Commit to the journey & let's do it together!
- E. One last thing: Record your journey this year!