

# Rooted

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## ***R: Rank - What it does and doesn't mean to rank relationship with God above all else***

**Foundational Verse:** *John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."*

With this verse, I want to stress the RESULT of abiding in the vine = FRUIT! We are not called simply to abide and create a 'holy huddle'. YES, we are daughters first, but the abiding should also naturally lead to ACTION.

First the abiding – in and of itself it's not always easy! But once we learn what it takes and what it means, it prepares us for the supernatural 'fruit' we will bear as a result.

The blessing of 'base camp' - Everest.

Climbers spend days acclimatizing at base camp before they can even attempt to climb Everest. When we abide in Christ, we too acclimatise to His will and His ways. The fruit we bear is divinely inspired and not 'run of the mill', but abiding takes some acclimatizing.

Also – Base camp is not just a onetime thing, but a CONTINUAL place to report back to.

Not only are you 'touching base' and saying you're okay, and thanks etc, but base camp (God in our instance!) is actually also communicating with YOU to let you know about the aspects YOU might not be able to see at your level.

Q. In what way do you currently 'check in' with God regarding your business? Is it one way with updates etc from you alone? Or are you also making space and time to hear from His direction also?

Q. Can you recall times in your business where abiding has led to divinely inspired 'fruit'?

**Philippians 4:12** – *"I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need."*

Paul exclaims here what I feel that TRUE result of abiding is. It's understanding that both plenty AND lack may well be from God. What's important though, is our attitude of the heart in the midst of these circumstances.

To further illustrate the point, we're going to dive into Deuteronomy 8

Q. Looking back retrospectively, in what ways can you see where God has 'humbled' you or provided you a season of lack which (although you wouldn't have asked for it!) has actually REFINED you?

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Ranking God above all protects us from pride which is necessary - We have been given AUTHORITY here on this earth (remember when the disciples came back rejoicing at the demons being cast out in Jesus' name?) God can and will work MIGHTILY through us.

Q. Does this truth sometimes cause you to fear success?

Note verses 17-18 especially - wealth and abundance isn't frowned upon at all - the ATTITUDE behind it is where concerns are raised.

**Gratitude, listening for HIS guidance and HIS way + obedience are what ensures a SAFE environment for us to THRIVE without fear and causes us to have an attitude like Paul describes in Philippians 4:12.**