

Motivation for John 15: 1-8

'We should shear that Laurel.. Lop or Top that elm? That Hazel needs a coppice, but definitely not the Rose!..'

No matter where you are these questions will be overheard in gardens allotments and plots of every shade and size at some time or another. The wish of every and any green-gloved gardener is to see the well tended plants give rich fruits, abundant foliage and magnificent flowers. No quarrel-free task- soil needs preparing; the right hummus, light, warmth and water provided. Not in vain, delights can constantly be reaped before the same questions bubble up again the following season.

Whether you are an accountant, Oblate, Arborist or other, I invite you, amid the humdrum of our emerging lives, allow yourself to ask "How about me?" What do I need to provide my fruits? Do I sometimes feel that I need pruning in my outlook? Who is, what is the source of my gifts, abilities and energy?

We know the joy this answer gives! We have felt it in our lives and in what we do. Allow this truth to come to fruition in your lives as you pray with the Gospel of this Sunday that comes.