

# An opportunity to Prune

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## Proposition

4 There are **3 REASONS** why we ought to prune our lives

### Practical Reasons

1. We can't keep adding
2. If we don't deliberately subtract, someone or something else will
3. Clutter collects clutter

### Natural Reasons

1. New Growth – Pruning makes it happen
2. Continuing Productivity – Pruning fosters ongoing growth and fruitfulness
3. Lush Beauty – There is an aesthetic beauty to the health generated by pruning

### Biblical Reasons

1. It's a divine principle to increase productivity.  
**John 15:1-2**
2. It's a means of keeping spiritually clean.  
**1 Corinthians 5:6-7**
3. It's a way of appropriating our spiritual resources.  
**Ephesians 4:20-32**
4. It's a way of keeping spiritually on track.  
**Hebrews 12:1-2**
5. It's device for maintaining a simple life.  
**1 Timothy 2:1-2**
6. It's a divine model for our working with God.  
**Judges 7:1-8**

Every Sermon Should Have Something To

+ Know/Understand ...

+ Believe ...

+ Do ...