

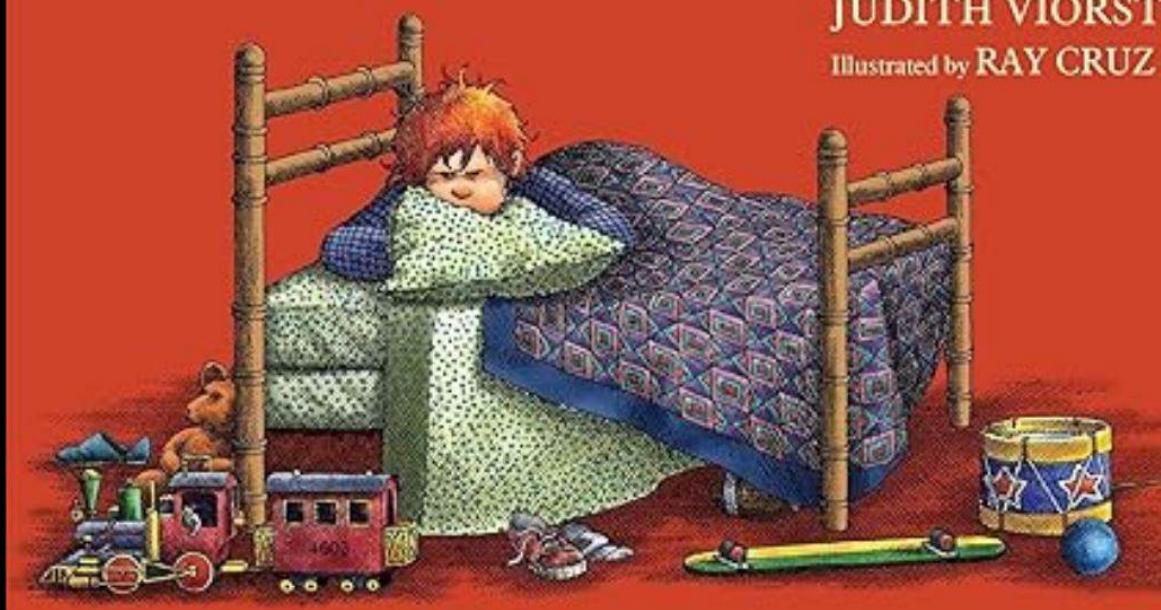


**ONE
MORE
YEAR**

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

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John 15



No fruit

Fruit (some)

More fruit

Much fruit



Harvest



John 15

Converts
Righteousness
Christian Character
The Fruit of the Spirit



Harvest



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Cleansing
Abiding
Obedience

Harvest





John 15:1



I am the true vine, and my
Father is the gardener.



John 14:6

I am the way, the truth, and the life, and absolutely no one can come to the Father but by me.



John 15:1



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John 15:2

²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.





1 Corinthians 11:31



But if we judged ourselves
rightly, we would not be
judged.





**Pruning is
Essential**



Sacrifice
Trials
Temptations

Harvest





Romans 5:1 – 5

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,





Romans 5:1 – 5

²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.





Romans 5:1 – 5

³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance;





Romans 5:1 – 5

⁴perseverance, character;
and character, hope.





Romans 5:1 – 5

⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.





James 1:2 – 4

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,



James 1:2 – 4

³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.





James 1:2 – 4

⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.





**As a Christian, fruit is not
our pursuit.**



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Luke 13



⁶ Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any.





Luke 13



⁷ So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'





Luke 13



⁸ “Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’





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