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Visit a factory sometime and you could learn some very valuable spiritual lessons. The manager sits in his office where he directs the various operations. Everyone around him is doing his or her separate job. But each is a fellow laborer with the manager; they are all necessary. If one does his work badly the whole organization suffers. If one does his work well they all benefit. Some feel they have important work, some less important. But no one is unimportant in the eyes of that man who sits in the general manager's office.

John 15:4-5 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither {can} you unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

God often uses word pictures in the bible to make His point. In this passage, we see God using the image of a grape vine to teach us the importance of every person, and the fruit that every individual is to produce. Jesus spoke these words to His disciples as they were walking to the Garden of Gethsemane on that dark evening before Jesus' crucifixion.

We aren't all alike, and neither are the talents and abilities that we possess. Nevertheless, from God's perspective, it's vital that each of us use our gifts and fulfill our roles. And the only way that can happen is if we all remain connected to the Vine, which is Christ.

Jesus Christ, our Vine, our General Manager you might say, is depending on each of us to do our part, no matter how small that part may seem to us. He does not care about the significance of the role. What He cares about is the faithfulness of the person, and the fruit they are called to bear.