

Pruning; it hurts but it heals.

You don't prune what You don't care about. To prune means You have a design/purpose that is not being met or achieved by the present form, direction, and health of the tree.

The tree is not expected to produce fruit until it is time. It has to receive nourishment first as it establishes its place by the stream. A newly planted tree or a very pruned back tree need time to grow into the maturity or health to where they can produce fruit.

A tree is pruned to mold it in its growth. It is expected to conform to a pattern. It is molded and coaxed and carefully tended. Why prune the tree if you don't have something different you want from it? If it's simply in the way you would cut it down instead. But pruning it means you still have a desire for it and a purpose, just not exactly like the one it was serving. Pruning is discipline for the tree and putting order into its chaos. You don't prune a tree you don't care about. Pruning the tree has to be done at a specific time of season. It can't be done in the middle of the growth season. It has to happen when the tree is nearing hibernation (just coasting along its life) in order not to kill it with the shock and trauma of pruning.

After pruning it takes time, care, nourishment, and patients before it is ready to bear fruit again. It may also take later pruning and manipulation of new growth to bring the tree into the desired form and purpose.

Yes, pruning hurts but the result afterward is wonderful! I am what You made me! (or at least I am going to be.)

