

**THE RIGHT PARTS AND THE RIGHT INSTRUCTIONS**  
**John 15:1-8**

Have you heard the story about the man who ordered a tree house over the internet? When the box arrived, it had printed on the top the words that have become every parent's nightmare: "Some assembly required."

The man began to assemble the tree house (but would you believe it?) as he laid out all the parts on the floor and began reading the instructions, he realized (to his dismay) that the instructions were indeed for a tree house? but the parts were for a sailboat!!

The next day, he sent an angry e-mail message to the company complaining about the mix-up. Back came the reply: "We are truly sorry for the error and the mix-up and the inconvenience. However, it might make you feel better to consider the fascinating possibility that somewhere today there is a man out on a lake trying to sail your tree house."

The point is clear: To put something together, you must have the right parts and the right instructions. This is where faith comes in. The only way you can put your life together is through faith. Faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. That's what makes it work.

God bless,  
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