

BEARING FRUIT

That Honors **GOD**

Romans 6:20–23; John 15:1–12; Galatians 5:22,23

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Spiritual growth is a divine requirement for every believer -

We never stay the same – we are either growing spiritually – or we are growing weaker!

With Growth comes results, or GOOD FRUIT / Lack of good fruit indicates weakness, detachment, DEATH

We are ALL BEARING FRUIT - Romans 6:20-23

Romans 6:20-23 (NKJV)

²⁰ For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. ²² But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. ²³ For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 15:1-12 (NKJV)

¹ “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, 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, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:1-12 (NKJV)

⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. ⁹ “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

John 15:1-12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ If you keep My commandments,
you will abide in My love, just as I
have kept My Father's
commandments and abide in His love.

¹¹ “These things I have spoken to you,
that My joy may remain in you, and
that your joy may be full. ¹² This is
My commandment, that you love one
another as I have loved you.

Luke 6:43-45 (NKJV)

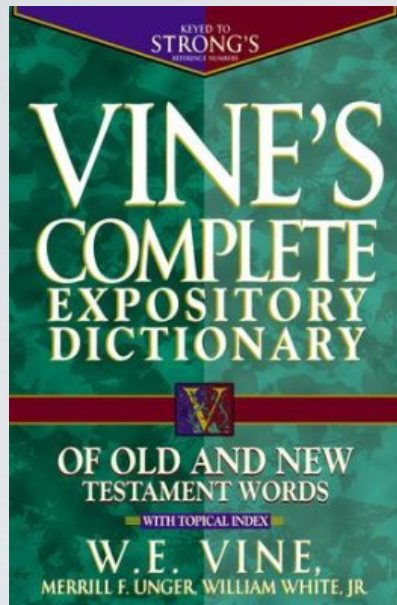
⁴³ “For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ For every tree is known by its own fruit. For *men* do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Galatians 5:22-25 (NKJV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Bearing **Fruit** That Honors God

To Define *He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit*

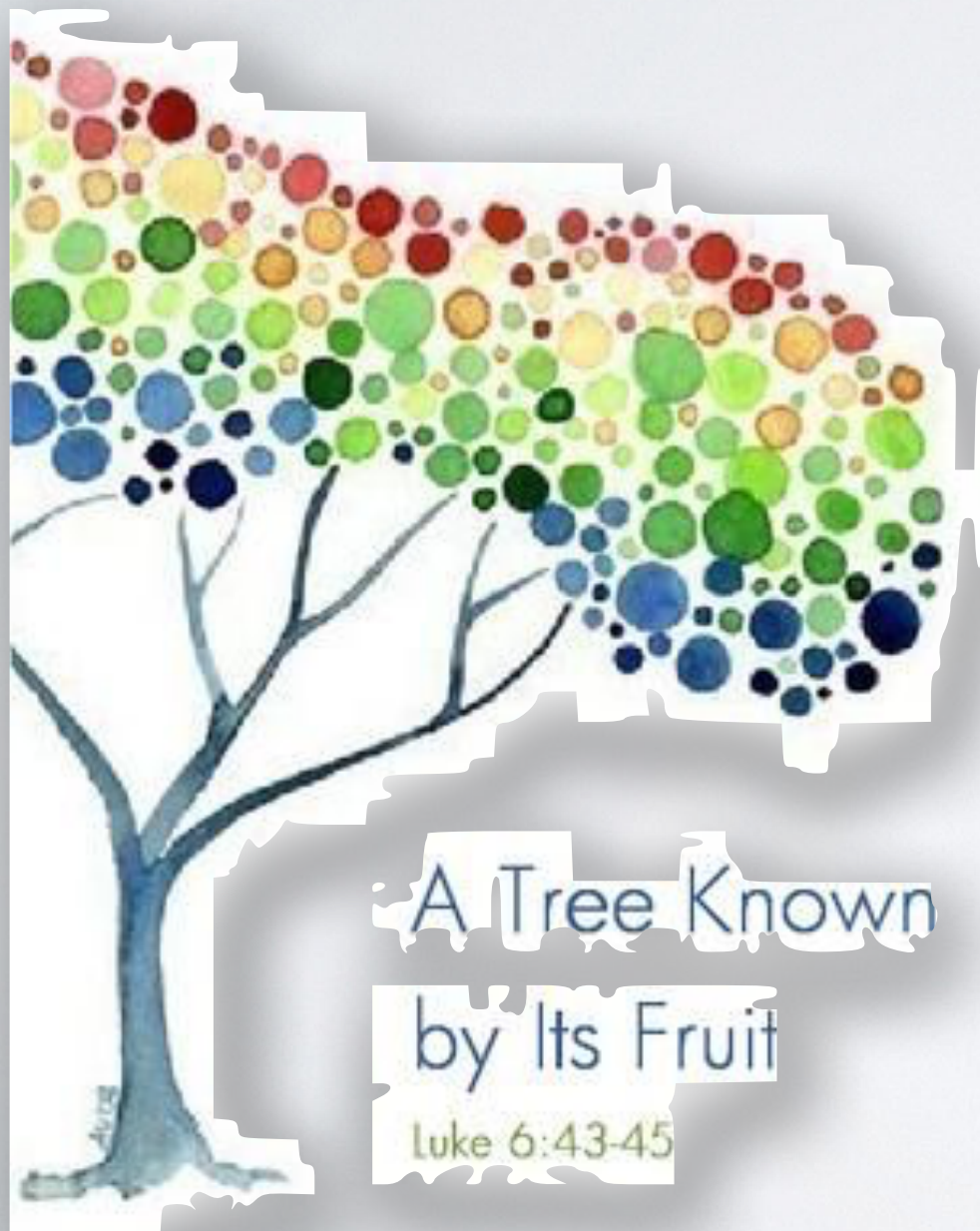


1. *karpos* (καρπός, 2590), “fruit,” is used (I) of the fruit of trees, fields, the earth, ... (II), metaphorically, (a) of works or deeds, “fruit” being the visible expression of power working inwardly and invisibly, the character of the “fruit” being evidence of the character of the power producing it, Matt. 7:16. As the visible expressions of hidden lusts are the works of the flesh, so the

invisible power of the Holy Spirit in those who are brought into living union with Christ (John 15:2–8, 16) produces “the fruit of the Spirit,” Gal. 5:22, the singular form suggesting the unity of the character of the Lord as reproduced in them, namely, “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, temperance,” all in contrast with the confused and often mutually antagonistic “works of the flesh.”

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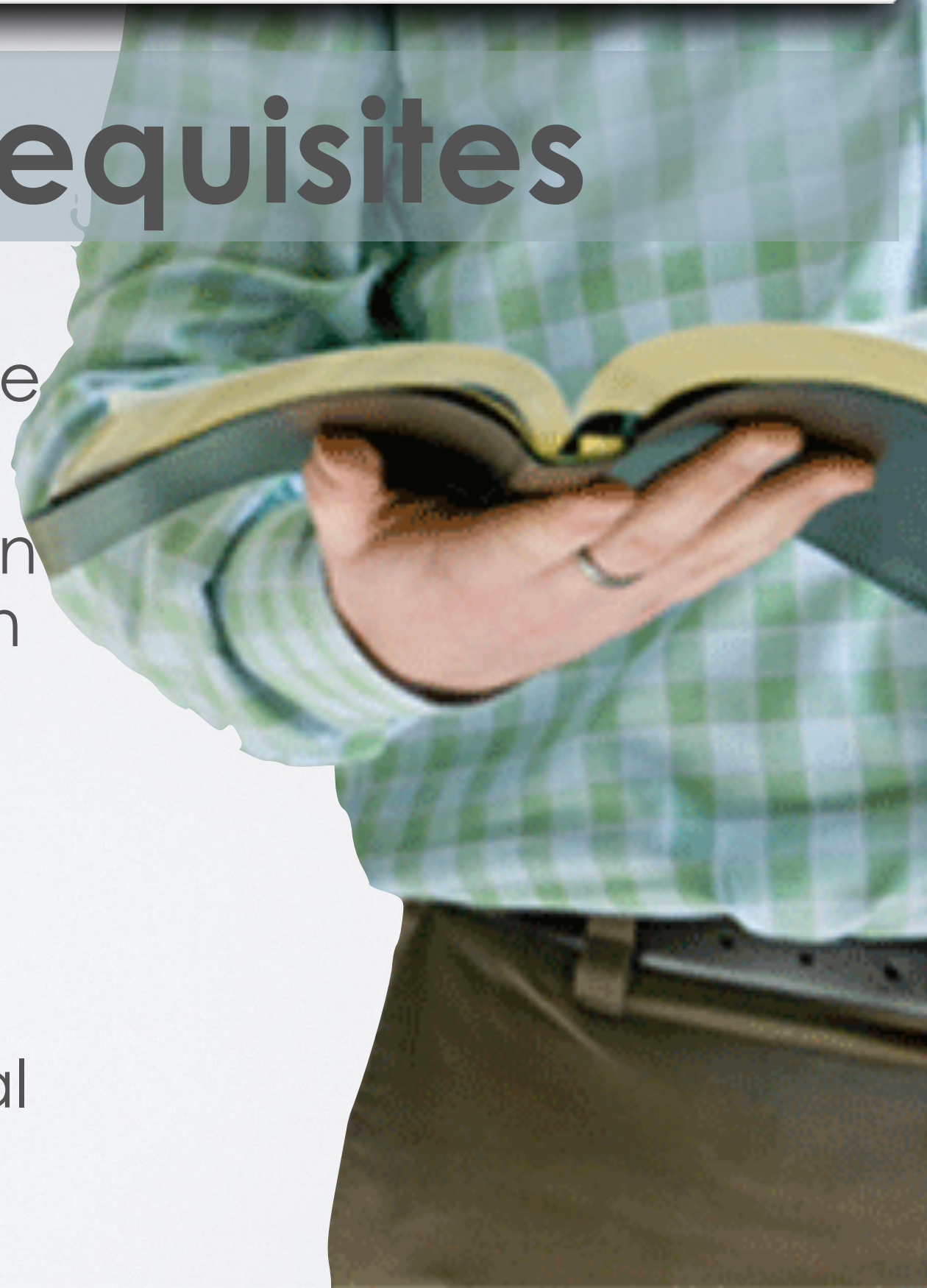
FRUIT: In the natural world, fruit is the result of a healthy plant producing what it was designed to produce (Genesis 1:11–12).

Metaphorically, it describes the character and resulting actions produced by the controlling influences of the heart.

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Necessary Prerequisites

- ▶ Having died with Christ and raised to walk in newness of life — Romans 6:1-23; 8:1,2
- ▶ Abiding in CHRIST by abiding in the teachings of Christ — John 15:1-12; Colossians 3:12-17
- ▶ The actual result of repentance and true union with Christ will be the transformation of the heart which brings about the natural produce of GODLINESS — Rom. 12:1,2; Col. 3:1,2



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Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.



PRESENTATION

RESISTANCE

COMPLIANCE

GOOD FRUIT

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The Spirit's Fruit — (Gal. 5:22,23)



LOVE

JOY

PEACE



LOVE: Of God & man - Seeking the Welfare of Others - unselfishness!



JOY: Delight, Rejoicing in Things Right & Good - Not based on externals but rather the “delight of love satisfied” (Contrast with Momentary Pleasure of Sin) - Phil 4:4; 1 John 1:4



Peace: Contentment due to a right relationship with God – Phil 4:7

Galatians 5:16 (NKJV)

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LONGSUFFERING

KINDNESS

GOODNESS



Longsuffering: Forbear -
ance, Patience, Restraint
When Provoked, Enduring
Trials - James 5:7-9



Kindness, - "Sweet
Reasonableness" - An
approachable disposition
- Not caustic - Eph. 2:7;
Col. 3:12



Goodness, - Uprightness
of heart & life, doing
good - Beneficence,
Acting with Kindness -
Eph. 5:9; 2 Thes 1:11

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Faithfulness, - Complete trust in God producing fidelity - Luke 16:10-12



Gentleness, - Suffers wrong without resentment – strong, firm, but under control. – Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12; Gal. 6:1



Self-control. - Bringing all thoughts and actions into harmony with the divine standard – Acts 24:25; 1 Cor. 9:25-27; 2 Cor. 10:5

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► These characteristics combine to describe the character & attitude of the one in Christ.

► The “FRUIT of the SPIRIT” destroys, replaces, & prevents the WORKS of the FLESH!

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James 3:13-18 (NKJV)

¹³ Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his works *are done* in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing *are* there. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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To APPLY

OF THE SPIRIT –
Gal. 5:22,23

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REPRODUCTION-
converts – Romans
1:13; 1 Cor.
3:10-14

OBEDIENCE-
Abiding in Jesus'
words– John
15:7-11

WORD in the
HEART –
Luke 8:11

Of LIPS – worship
& edification –
Hebrews 13:15;
Eph 5:19; Col. 3:16

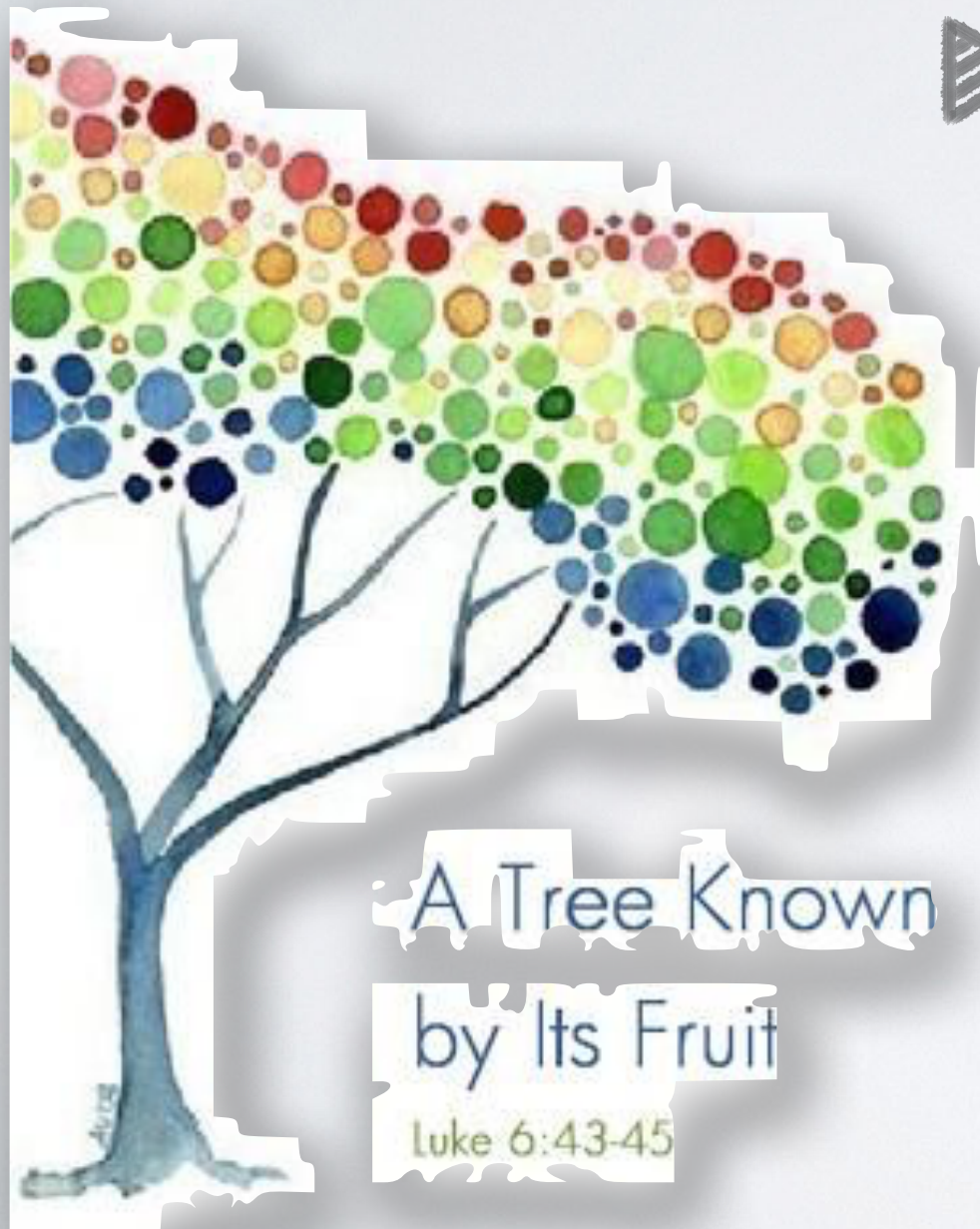
WISDOM /
UNITY– James
3:13-18; Eph.
4:1-4; Phili 2:1-5

RIGHTEOUSNESS–
Phili 1:11; 2 Cor.
9:10; Heb 12:11

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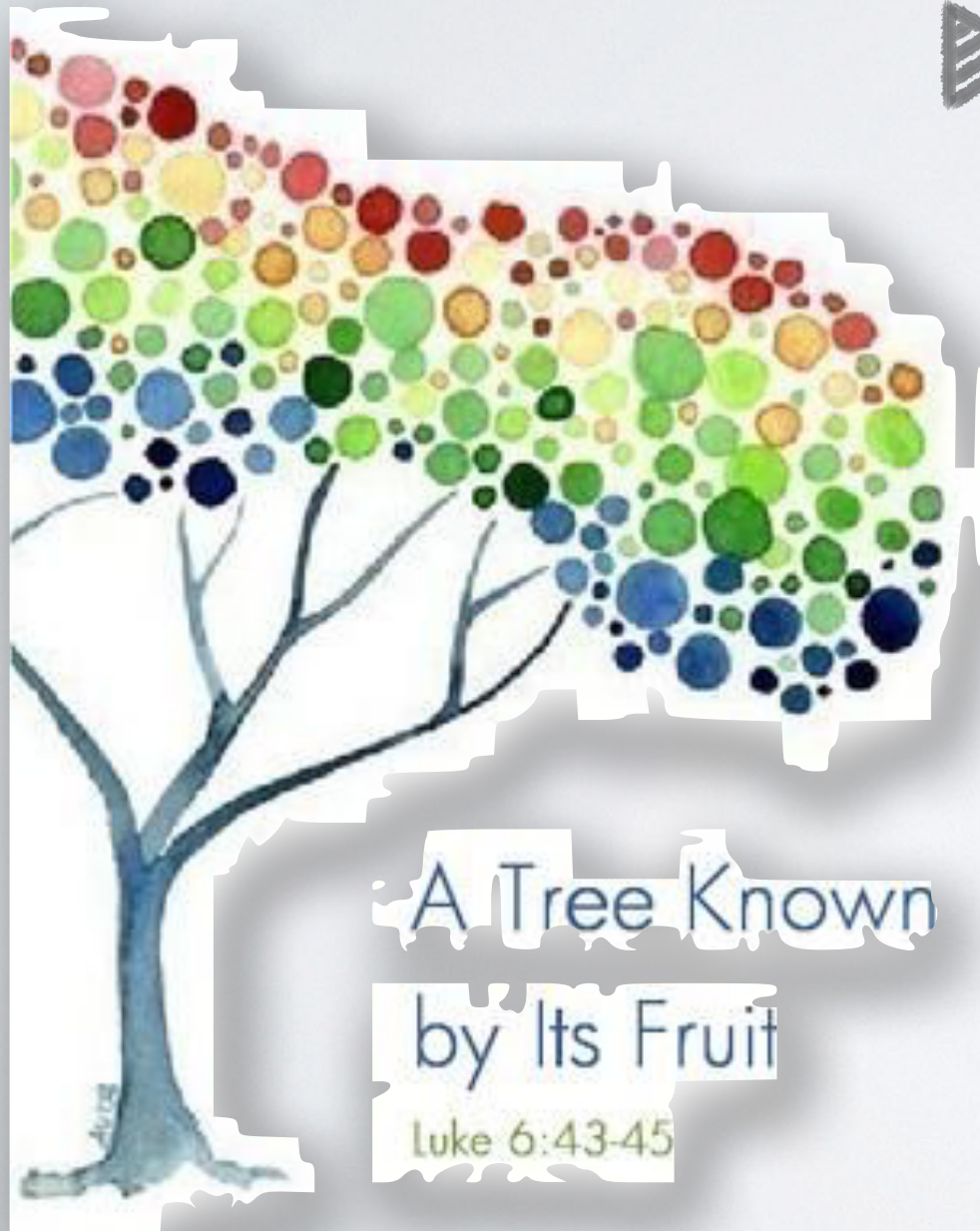
► **FAMILY MATTERS –**

- **Marriage** — Mat 19:3-9; Eph. 5:22-32; 1 Cor. 7; 1 Pet 3:1-7 ...
- **Parents** — Eph 6:4; Col. 3:21; Prov. 22:6; 23:13,14
- **Children** — Eph 6:1-3; Prov. 6:20; 23:22; Col. 3:20

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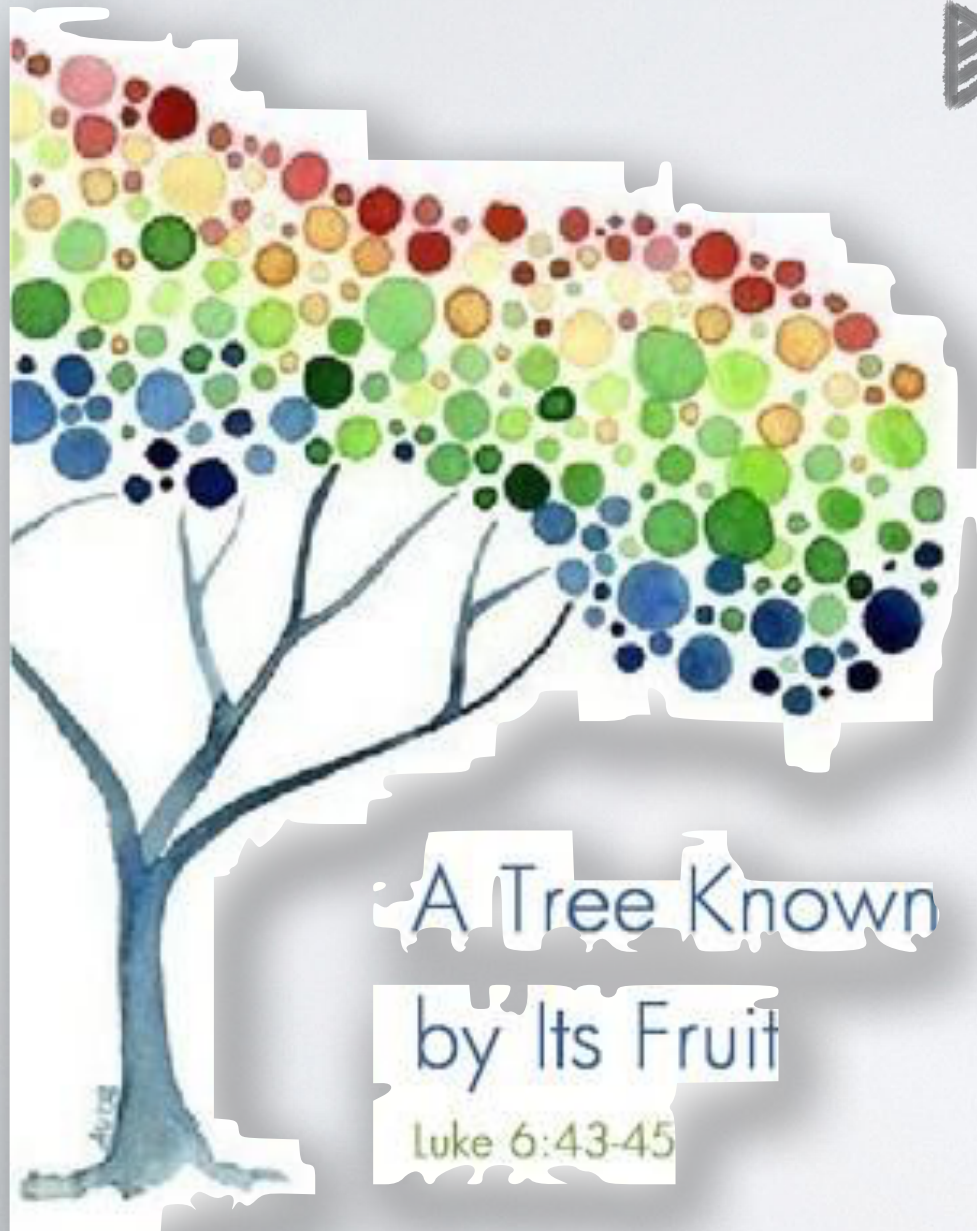
▶ **NEIGHBOR MATTERS –**

- **Love them** - Mark 12:31; Matt. 22:39; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8
- **Do good for them —** Rom 12:17;
- **Teach by word & deed —** Acts 8:4; 1 Thes 1:8; Mat. 5:13,14

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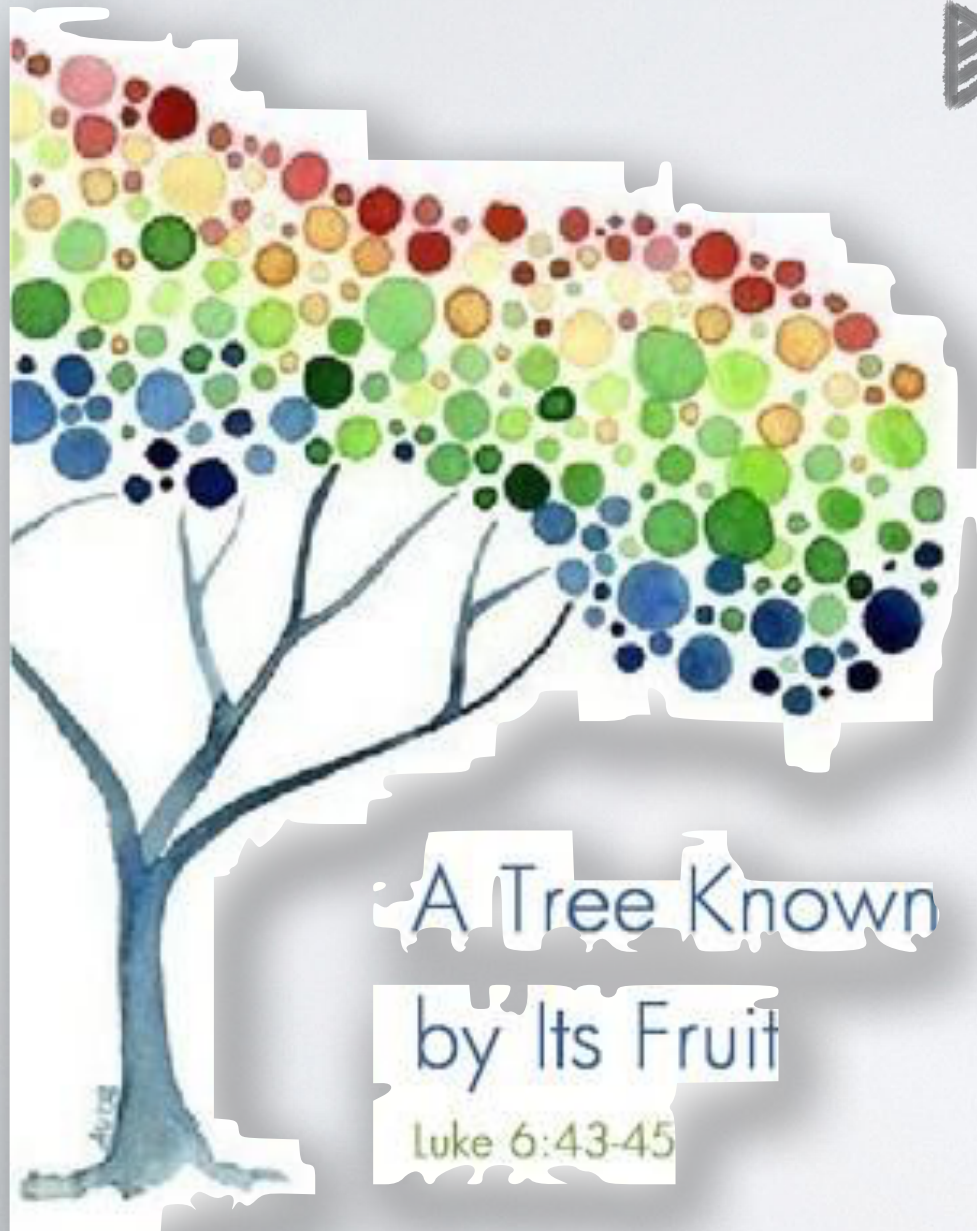
► CHURCH MATTERS –

- **Love one another** - 1 Pet 1:22; Rom. 12:10; 1 Thess. 4:9; Heb. 13:1
- **Serve one another** — Rom 12:17; Phil 2:4;
- **Hold up one another** — Rom. 15:1; 1 Thess. 5:14; Gal. 6:2

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► **CHURCH MATTERS –**

■ **Growing & Serving —** (Eph 4:11-16)

- ◆ Teaching — Heb 5:12
- ◆ Leading worship —
(Praying / singing /
preaching / serving ...)
- ◆ Deacons — 1 Tim 3:8-13
- ◆ Elders — 1 Tim 3:1-7

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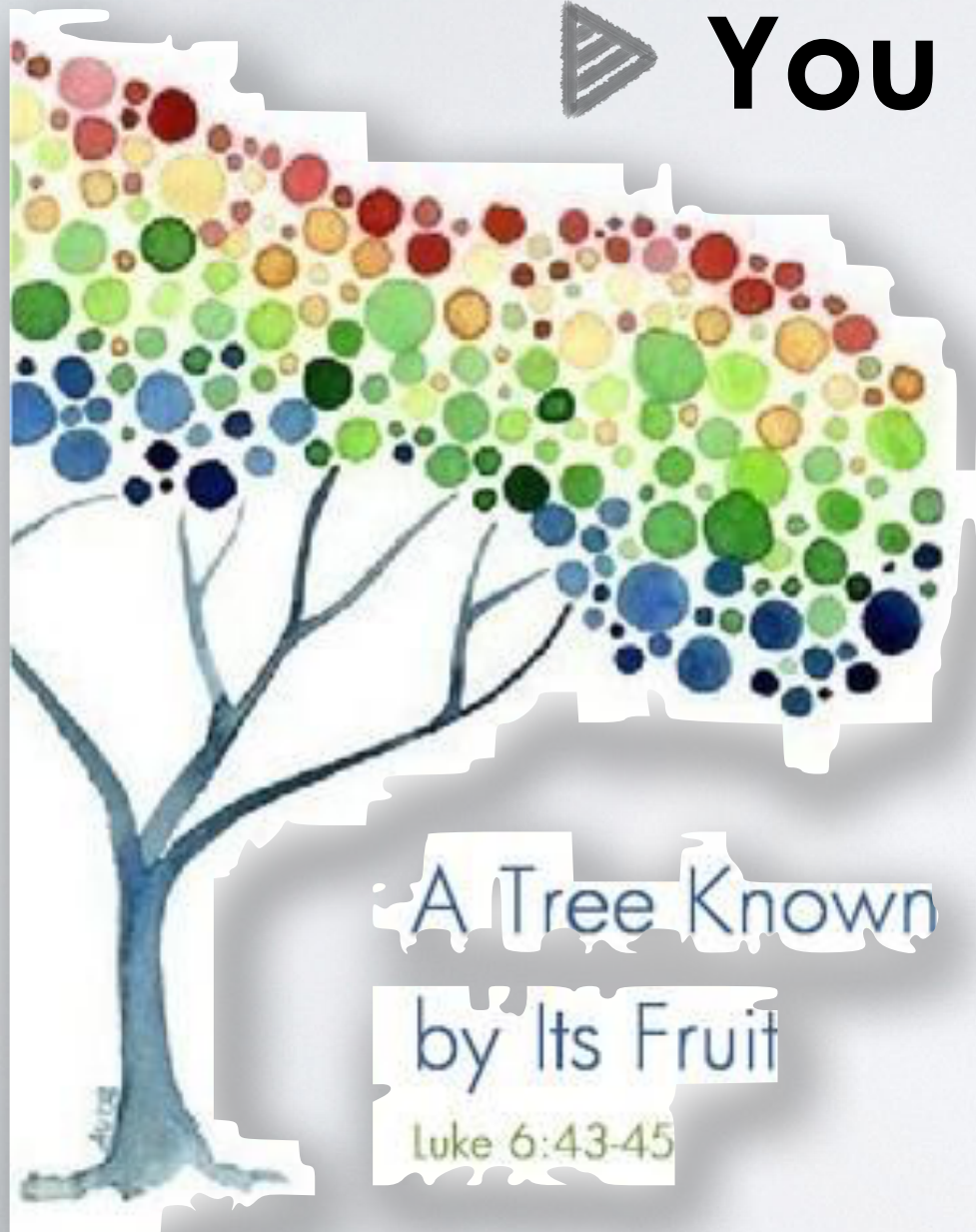
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▶ **You become what you SOW –**

Galatians 6:7–8 (NKJV)

⁷ Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. ⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.



A Tree Known

by Its Fruit

Luke 6:43-45

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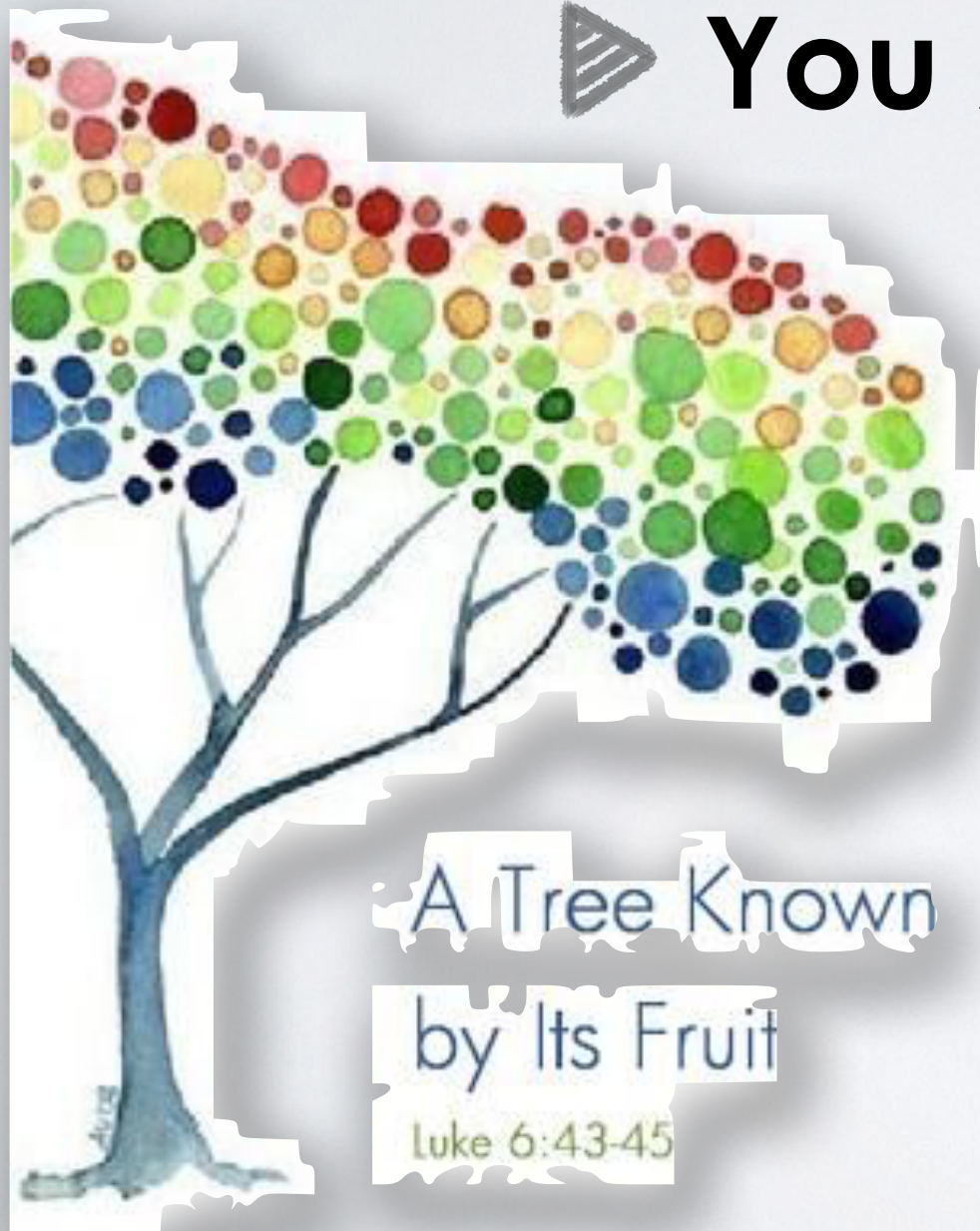
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▶ **You ARE what You Think –**

**Proverbs 4:23
(NKJV)**

23 Keep your heart
with all diligence,
For out of it *spring*
the issues of life.



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Philippians 1:3-11 (NKJV)

³ I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, ⁵ for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ; ⁷ just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.

Philippians 1:3-11 (NKJV)

⁸ For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.

⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹ being filled with the fruits of righteousness which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.