

Attitude

Essential Attitudes of A Living Faith

Attitudes Found In The People of God

(Hebrews 11; Matthew 5:3-12; Ephesians 4:1-3; Galatians 5:22,23)



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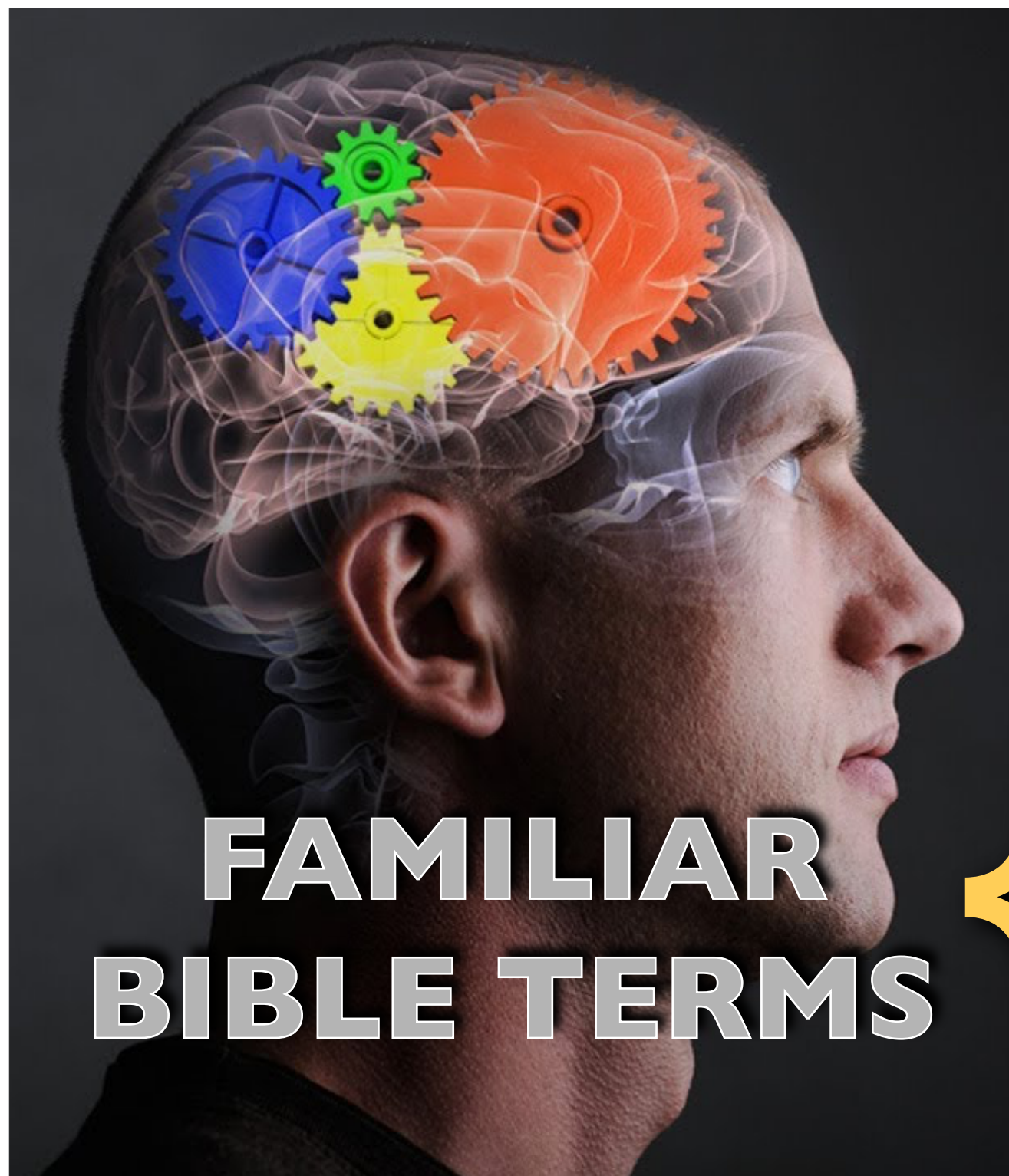


Definition of Attitude

- "A settled way of thinking or feeling about someone or something, typically one that is reflected in a person's behavior."
- "Beliefs, emotions, and behaviors toward a particular object, person, thing, or event"

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Mindset

Perspective

Disposition

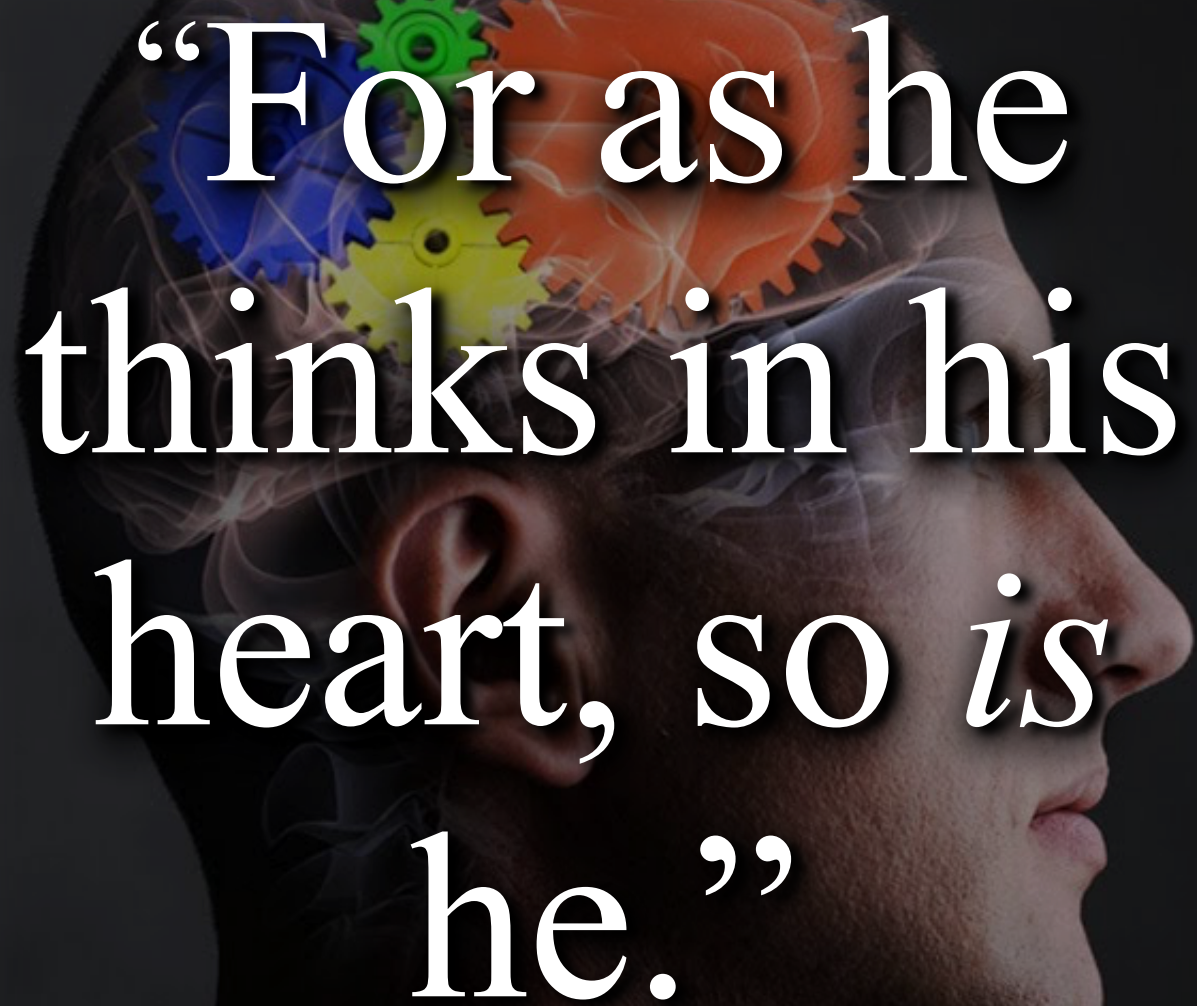
Spirit

Mind

Godliness

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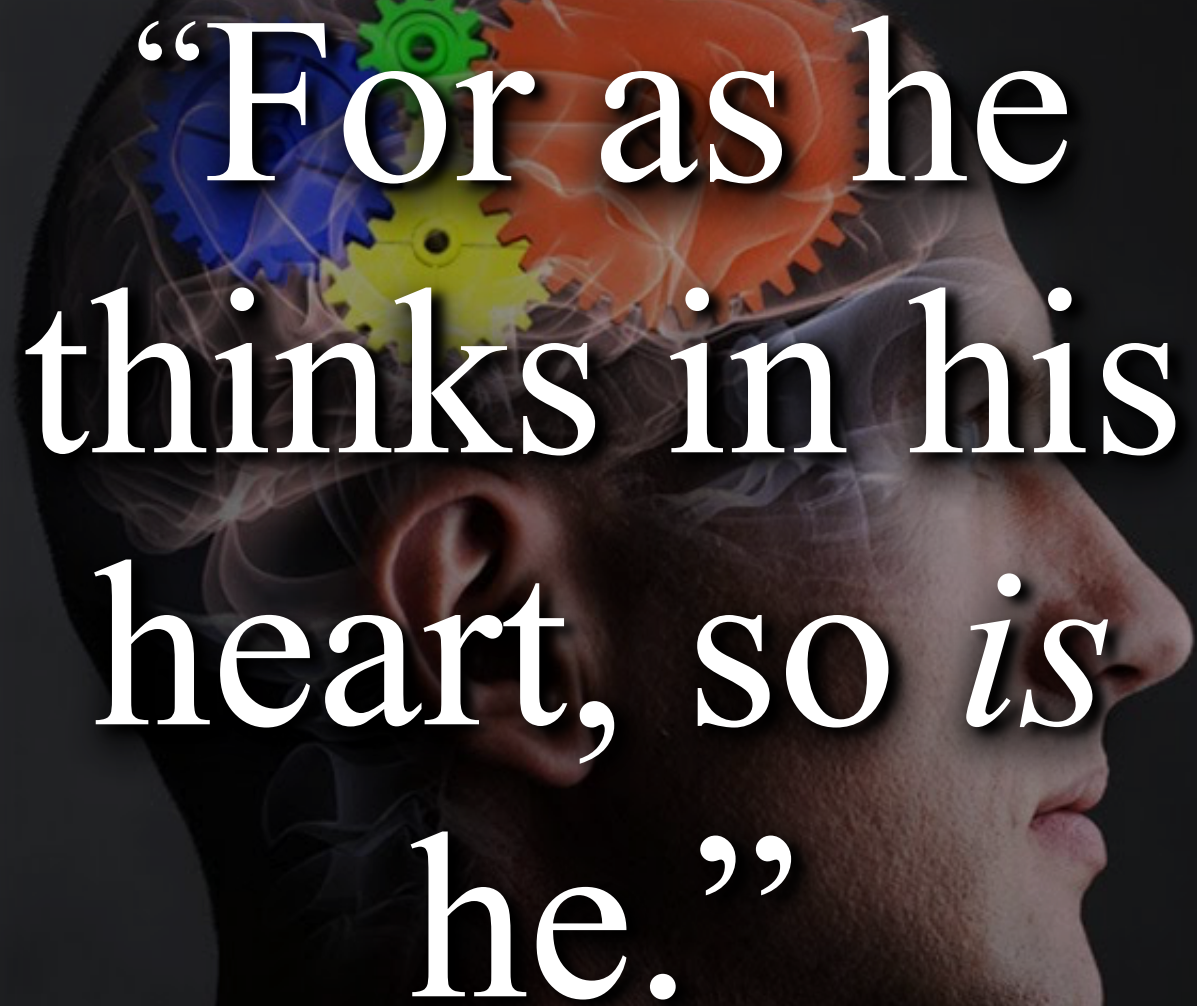
Proverbs 23:7

Components of Attitude

- **Cognitive:** Your thoughts and beliefs about the subject.
- **Affective:** How the object, person, issue, or event makes you feel.
- **Behavioral:** How attitude influences your behavior.

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■ OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS ____ MATTERS

- ▶ GOD (Father, Son, Spirit)
- ▶ THE SCRIPTURE
- ▶ GOD'S AUTHORITY
- ▶ THE LORD'S CHURCH
- ▶ OURSELVES
- ▶ THE LOCAL CHURCH
- ▶ SIN / UNGODLINESS
- ▶ TRUTH & ERROR
- ▶ THE WORLD / HEAVEN

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Ephesians 4:17–19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.



The image features a human head in profile, facing right, with a transparent brain area containing several interlocking gears in blue, green, yellow, and orange. Overlaid on the lower part of the head is a vertical flowchart. It consists of three colored rectangular boxes: a yellow box at the top labeled 'BELIEF', a light blue box in the middle labeled 'ATTITUDE', and a red box at the bottom labeled 'FRUIT'. Yellow arrows point downwards from 'BELIEF' to 'ATTITUDE' and from 'ATTITUDE' to 'FRUIT'. A yellow arrow also points from the right side of the 'BELIEF' box towards the nose of the head.

BELIEF

ATTITUDE

FRUIT

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Ephesians 4:20–24 (NKJV)

²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.



BELIEF

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■ **Cognitive:**
FAITH

■ **Affective:**
HOPE

■ **Behavioral:**
LOVE

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GODLY ATTITUDE EXEMPLIFIED



NOAH - Gen 6,7

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Matthew 5:3–10 (NKJV)

³ “Blessed *are* the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed *are* those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. ⁵ Blessed *are* the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. ⁷ Blessed *are* the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. ⁸ Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God. ⁹ Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

★ **HUMILITY**

★ **PENITENT**

★ **MEEKNESS**

★ **DESIRE**

★ **MERCIFUL**

★ **HONESTY**

★ **LOVE**

★ **ENDURANCE**

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Ephesians 4:1–3 (NKJV)

¹ I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

- ★ **HUMILITY**
- ★ **MEEKNESS**
- ★ **LONG-SUFFERING**
- ★ **SUPPORTING**
- ★ **LOVING**
- ★ **ZEAL FOR TRUTH & PEACE**

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Colossians 3:12–15 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. ¹⁴ But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. ¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

- ★ **MERCY**
- ★ **KINDNESS**
- ★ **HUMILITY**
- ★ **MEEKNESS**
- ★ **LONG-SUFFERING**
- ★ **SUPPORTIVE**
- ★ **FORGIVING**
- ★ **LOVE**
- ★ **PEACE**
- ★ **GRATITUDE**

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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.

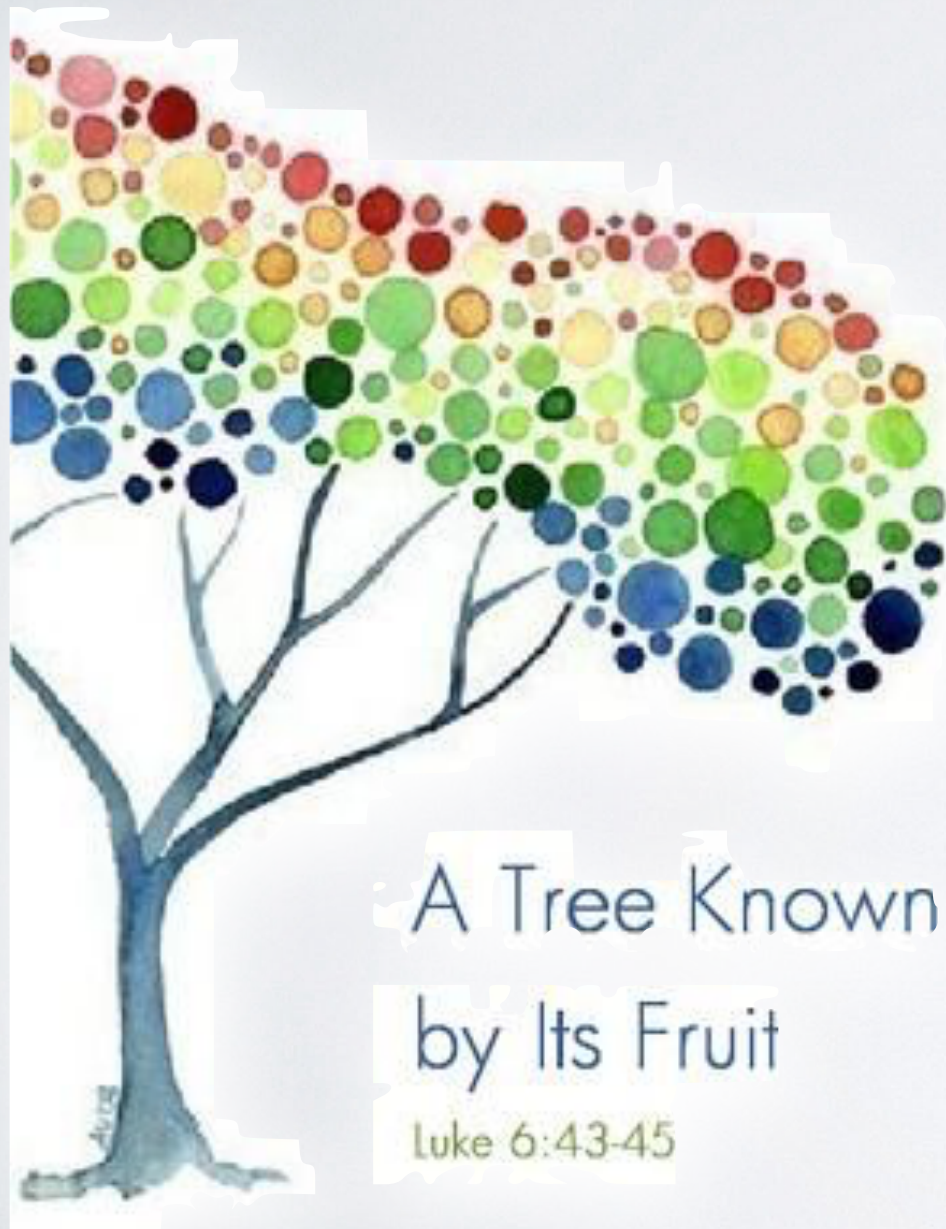
- ★ **PURE / HOLY**
- ★ **PEACEABLE**
- ★ **WILLING TO YIELD**
- ★ **MERCIFUL & HELPFUL**
- ★ **FAIR / IMPARTIAL**
- ★ **GENUINE**
- ★ **A HEART THAT IS RIGHT**

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Galatians 5:22–23 (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.

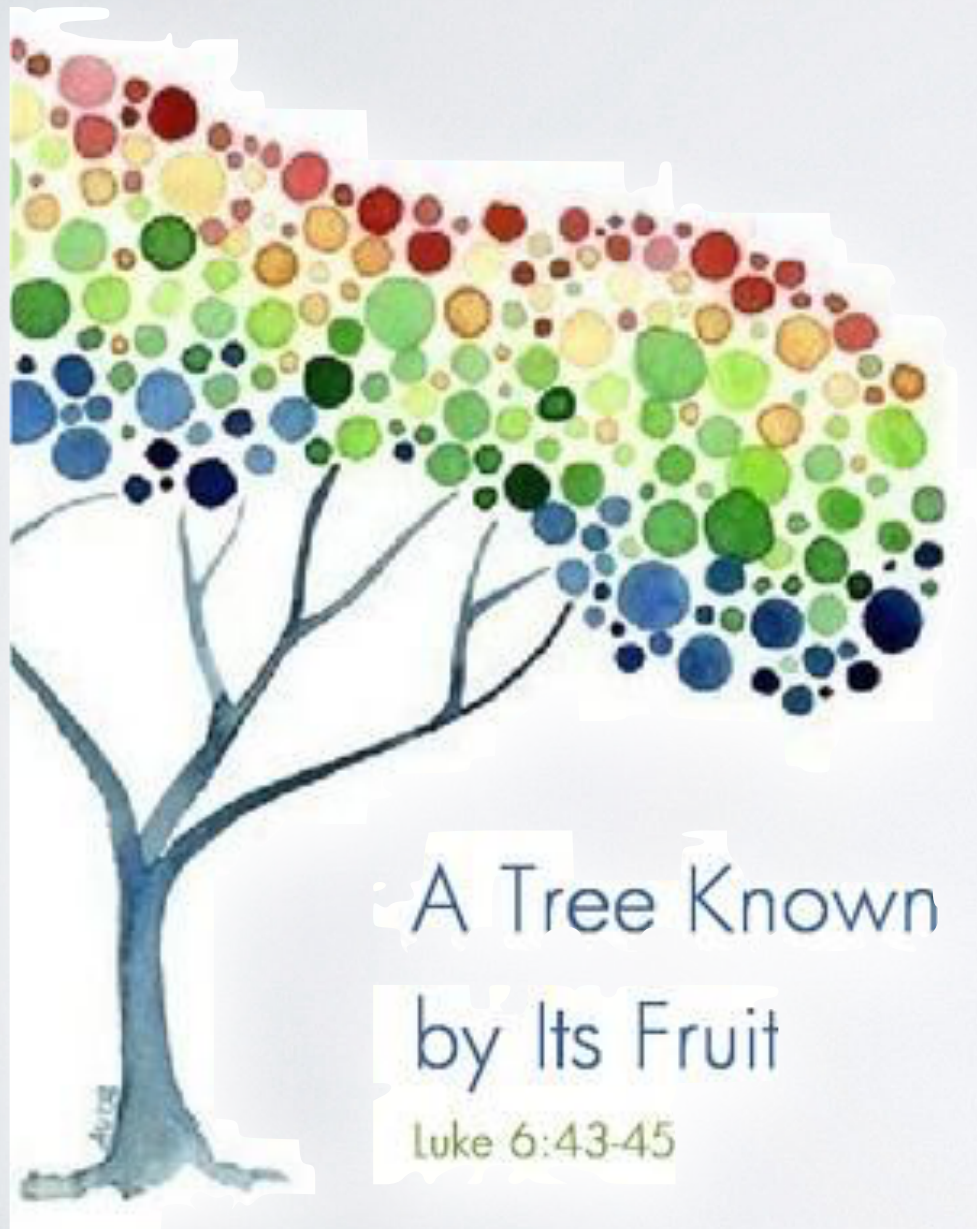


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To Define

But the fruit of the Spirit is



A Tree Known
by Its Fruit

Luke 6:43-45

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

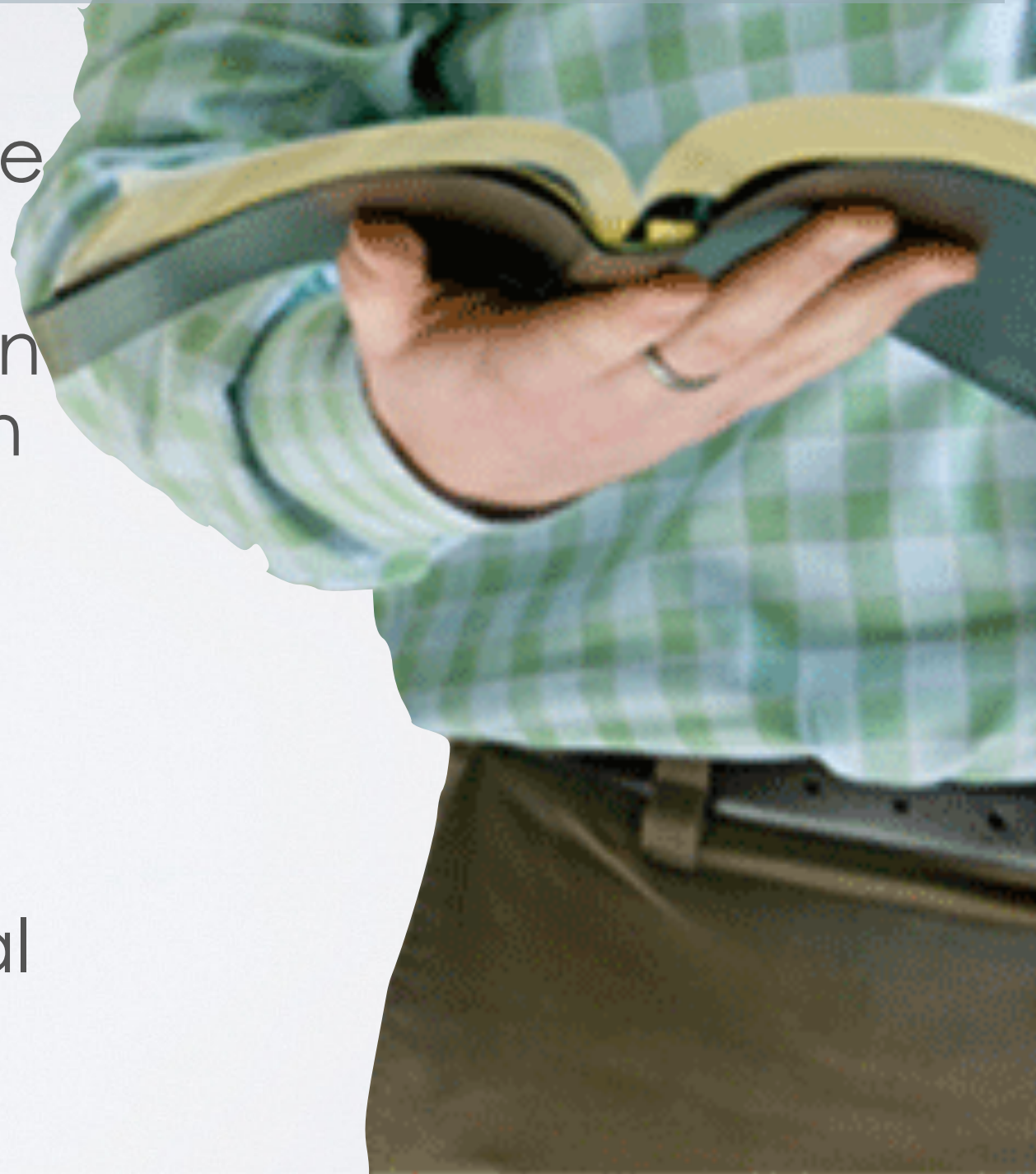
Metaphorically, it describes the attitude and resulting actions produced by the controlling influences of the heart.

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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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The Spirit's Fruit — (Gal. 5:22,23)

LOVE



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

JOY



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

PEACE



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

Galatians 5:16
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- ▶ **Longsuffering:** Forbearance, Patience, Restraint When Provoked, Enduring Trials (Jam 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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GENTLENESS

SELF-CONTROL



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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To APPLY

OF THE SPIRIT –
Gal. 5:22,23

and I in him, bears much fruit

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

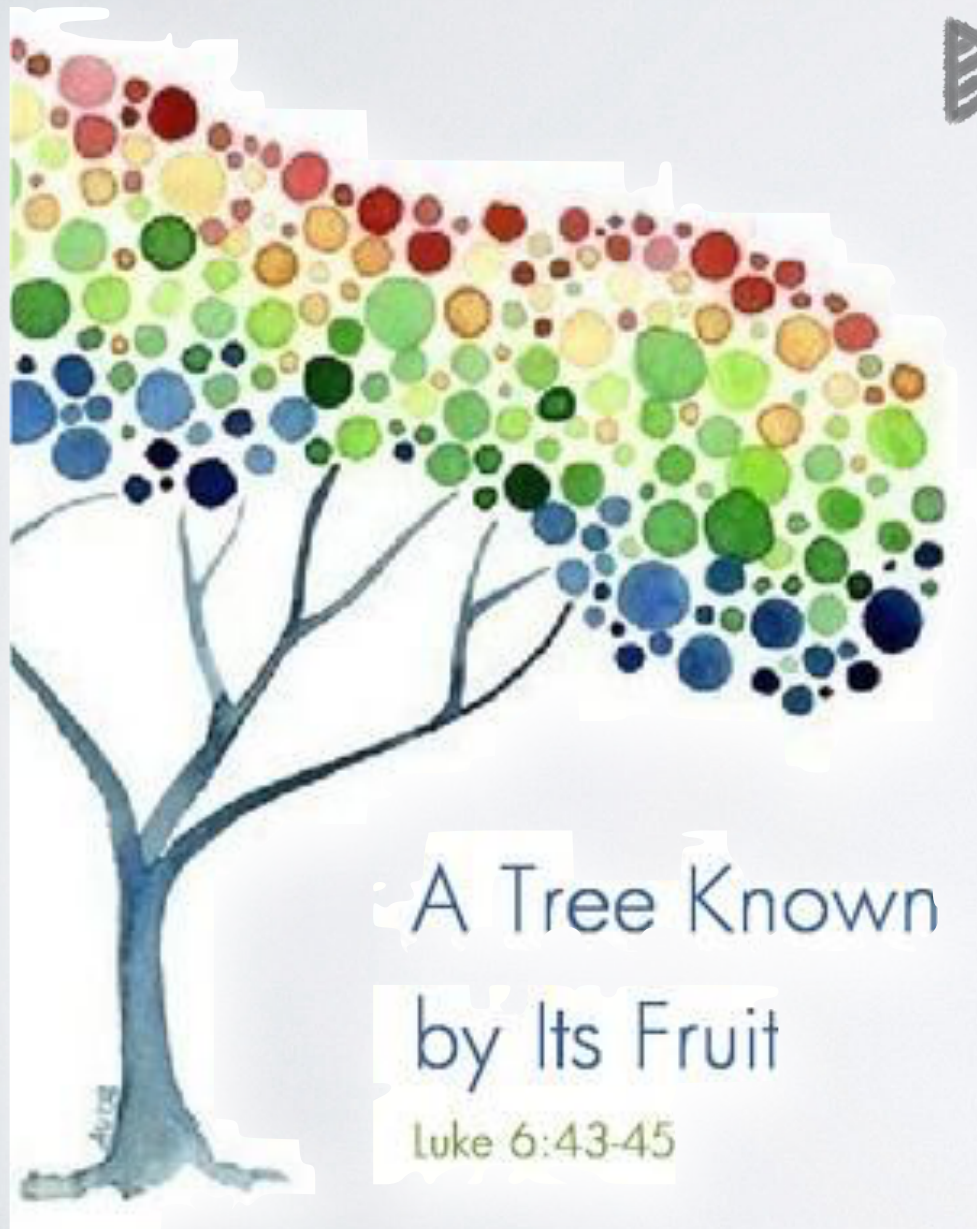
RIGHTEOUSNESS–
Phili 1:11; 2 Cor.
9:10; Heb 12:11

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



► FAMILY MATTERS –

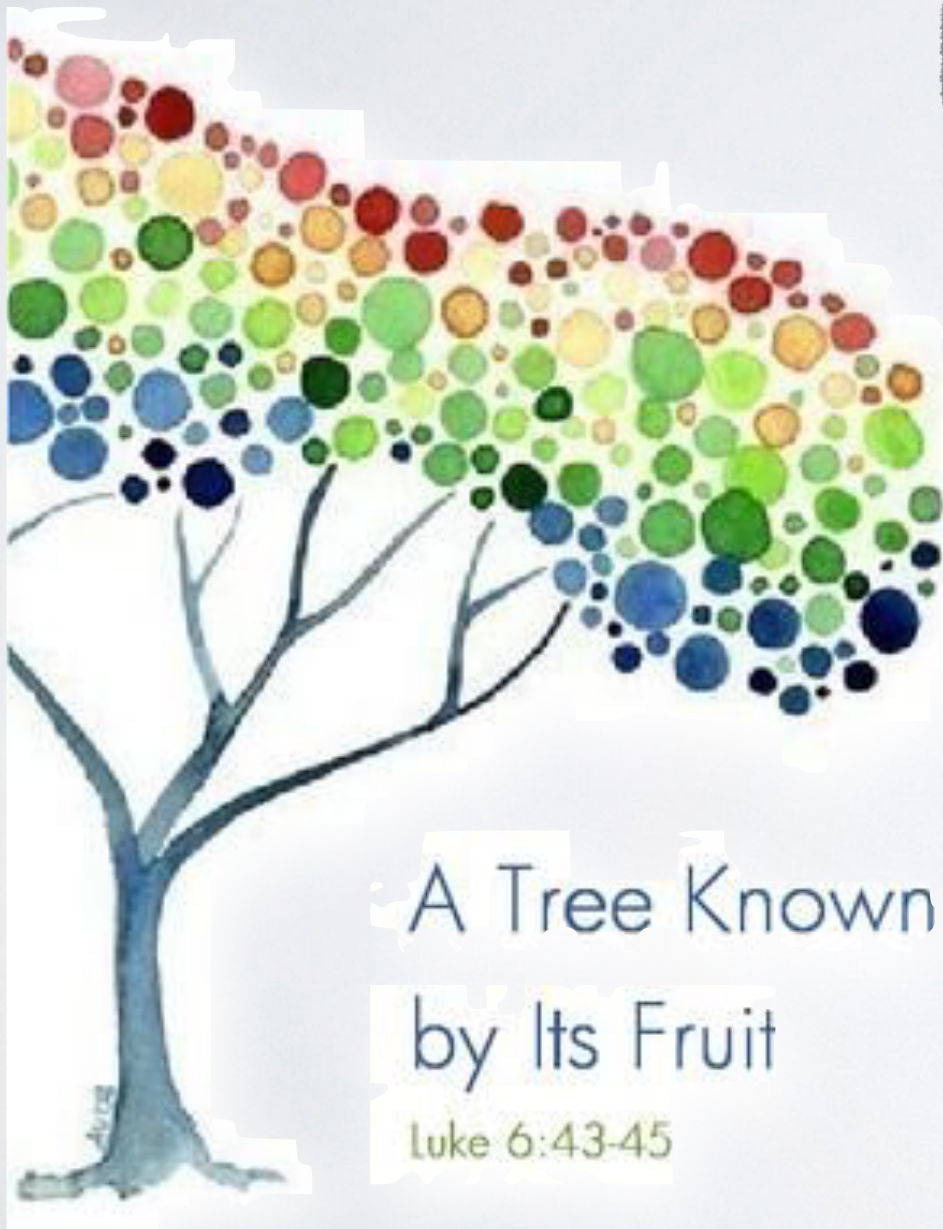
- **Marriage** — Mat 19:3-9; Eph. 5:22-32; 1 Cor. 7; 1 Pet 3:1-7 ...
- **Parents** — Eph 6:4; Col. 3:21; Prov. 22:6; 23:13,14
- **Children** — Eph 6:1-3; Prov. 6:20; 23:22; Col. 3:20

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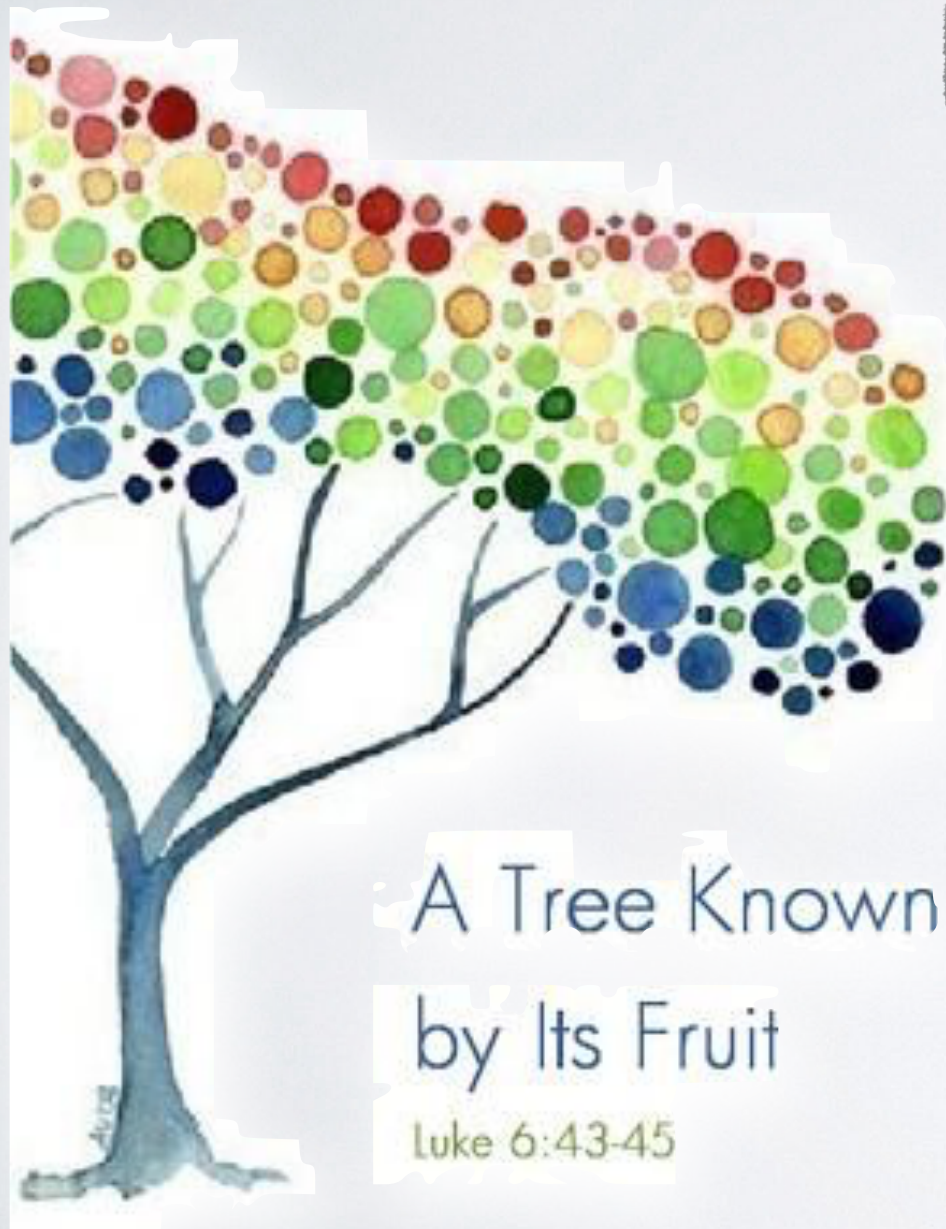
- **Love them** - Mark 12:31; Matt. 22:39; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8
- **Do good for them** — Rom 12:17;
- **Teach by word & deed** — Acts 8:4; 1 Thes 1:8; Mat. 5:13,14

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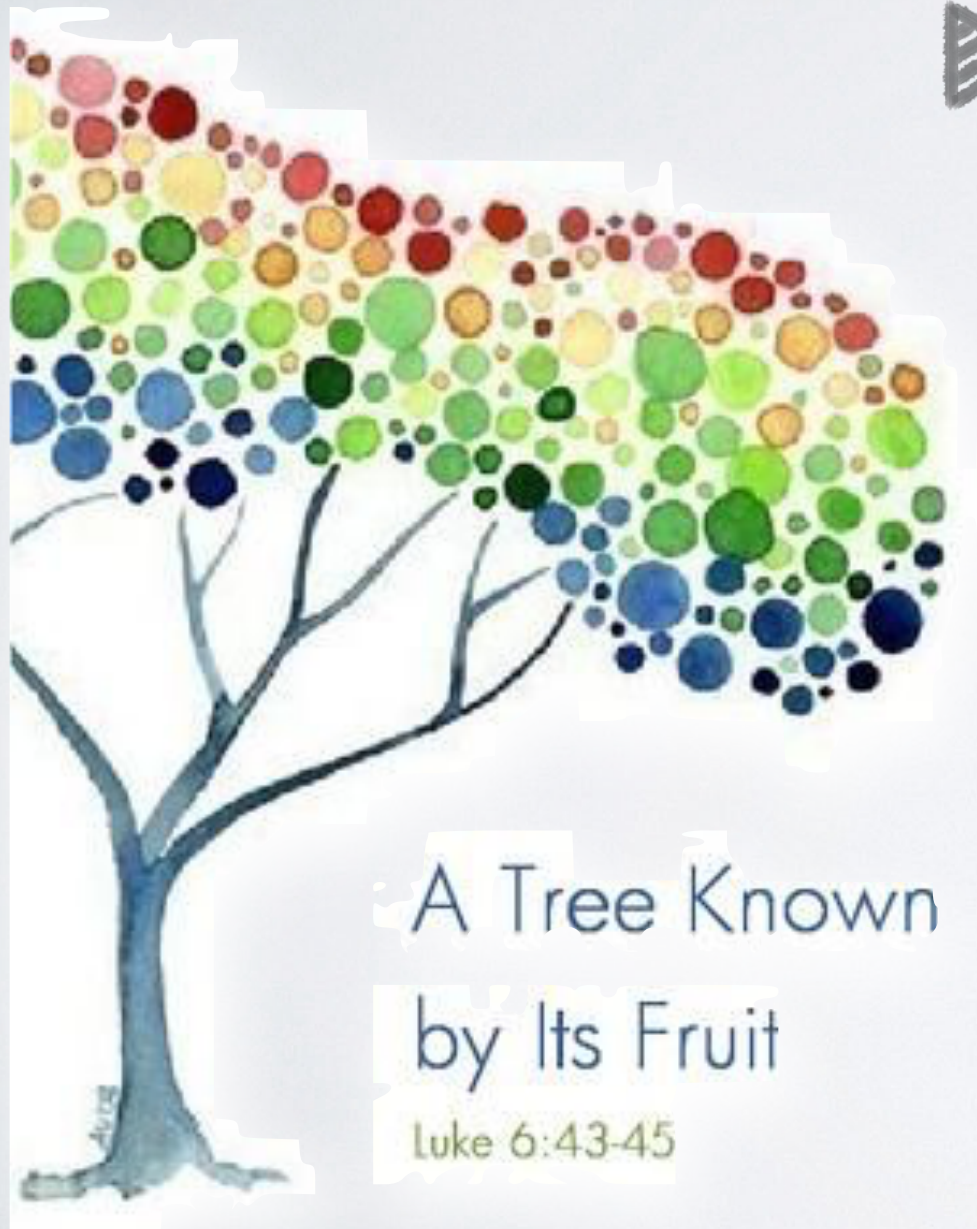
- **Love one another** - 1 Pet 1:22; Rom. 12:10; 1 Thess. 4:9; Heb. 13:1
- **Serve one another** — Rom 12:17; Phil 2:4;
- **Hold up one another** — Rom. 15:1; 1 Thess. 5:14; Gal. 6:2

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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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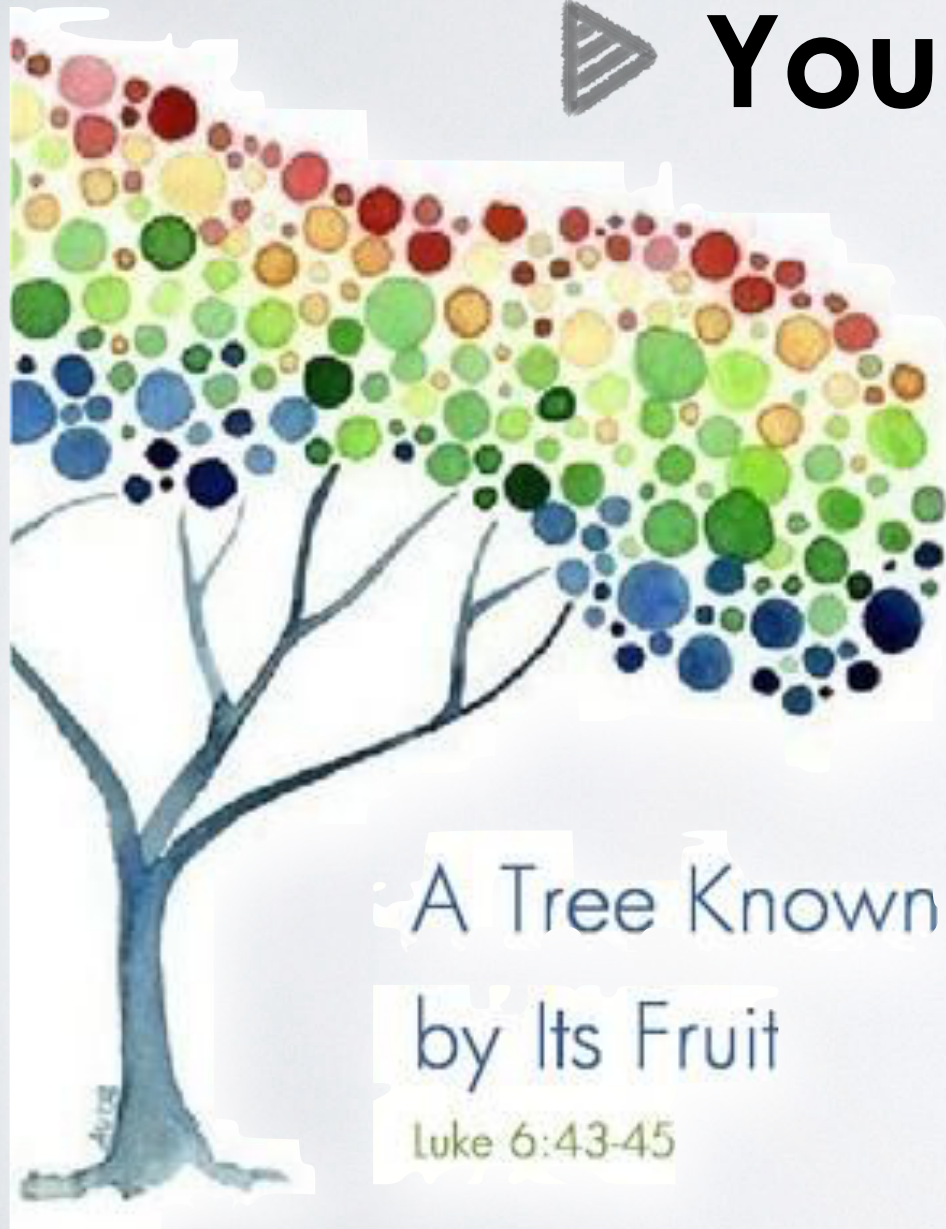
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▶ **You become what you SOW –**

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.



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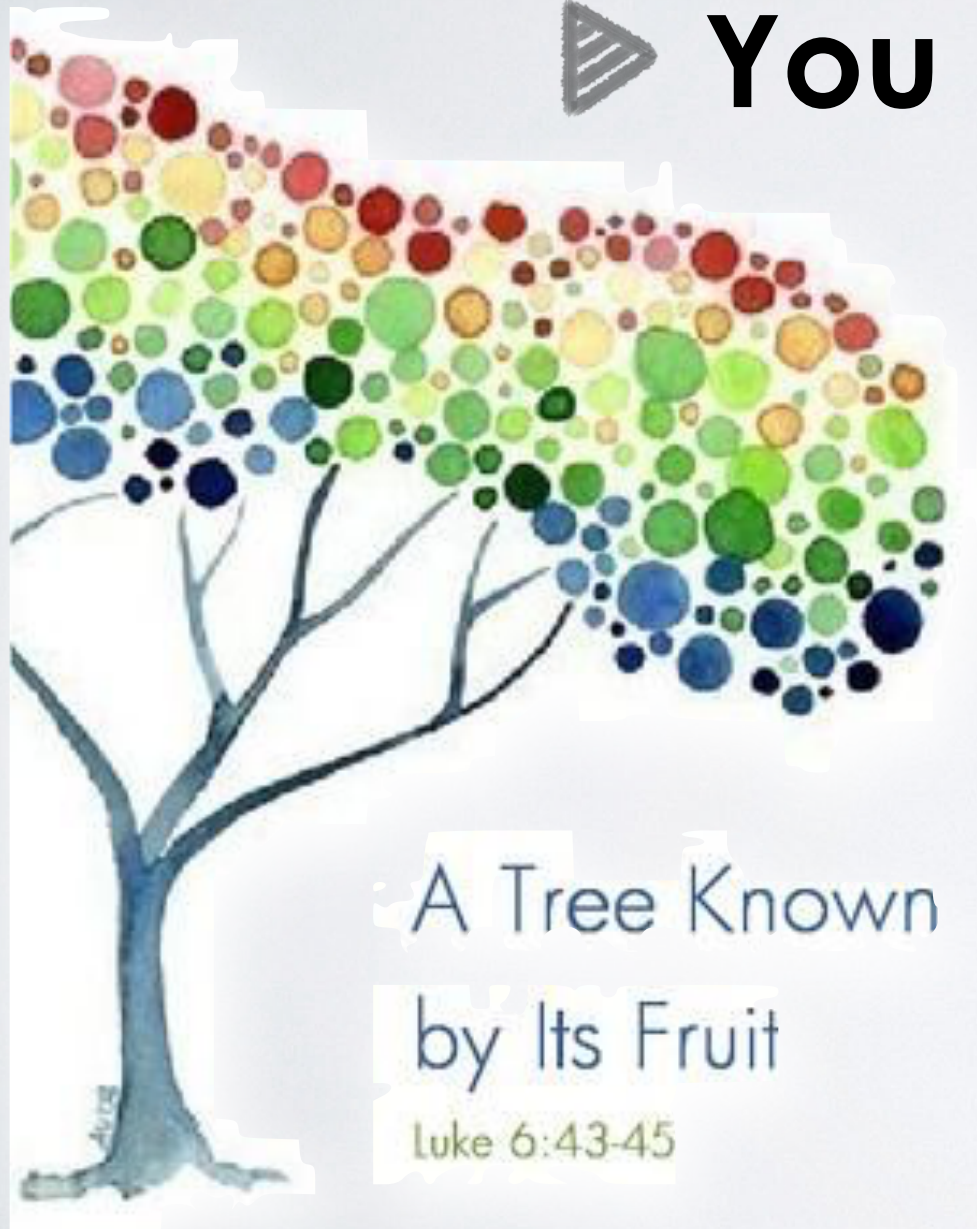
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▶ **You ARE what You Think –**

**Proverbs 4:23
(NKJV)**

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



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Godly Attitudes Must be developed!

Faith / Trusting
Humble,
Meek,
Merciful / Forgiving
Kind,
Long-suffering;
Forbearing,
Peaceful / Joyful
Loving

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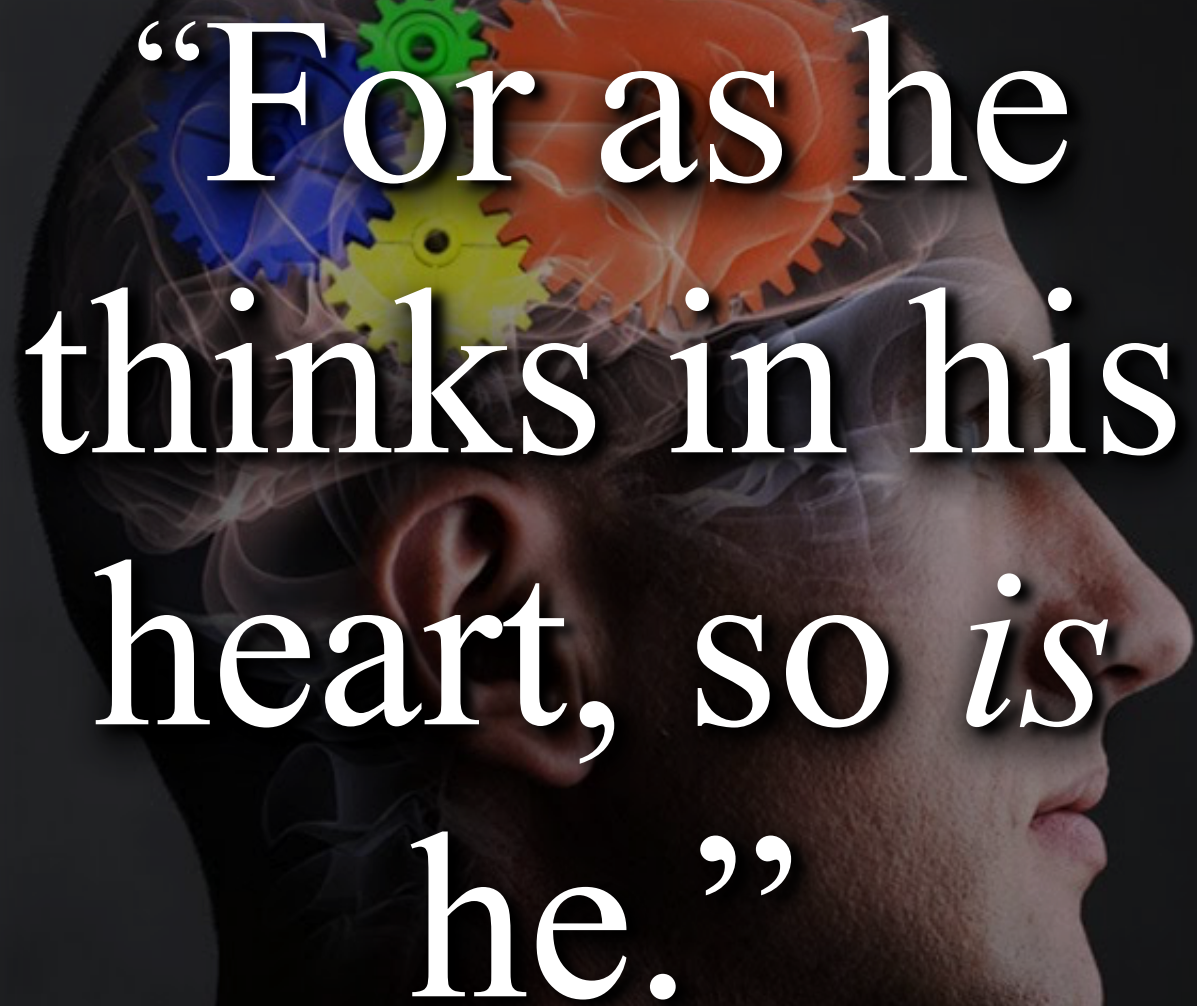
WEEDS JUST GROW

Doubt / Skeptic
Proud
Stubborn
Vengeful / Bitter
Angry
Impatient
Critical
@War / Anxious
Selfish



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