

ATTITUDES

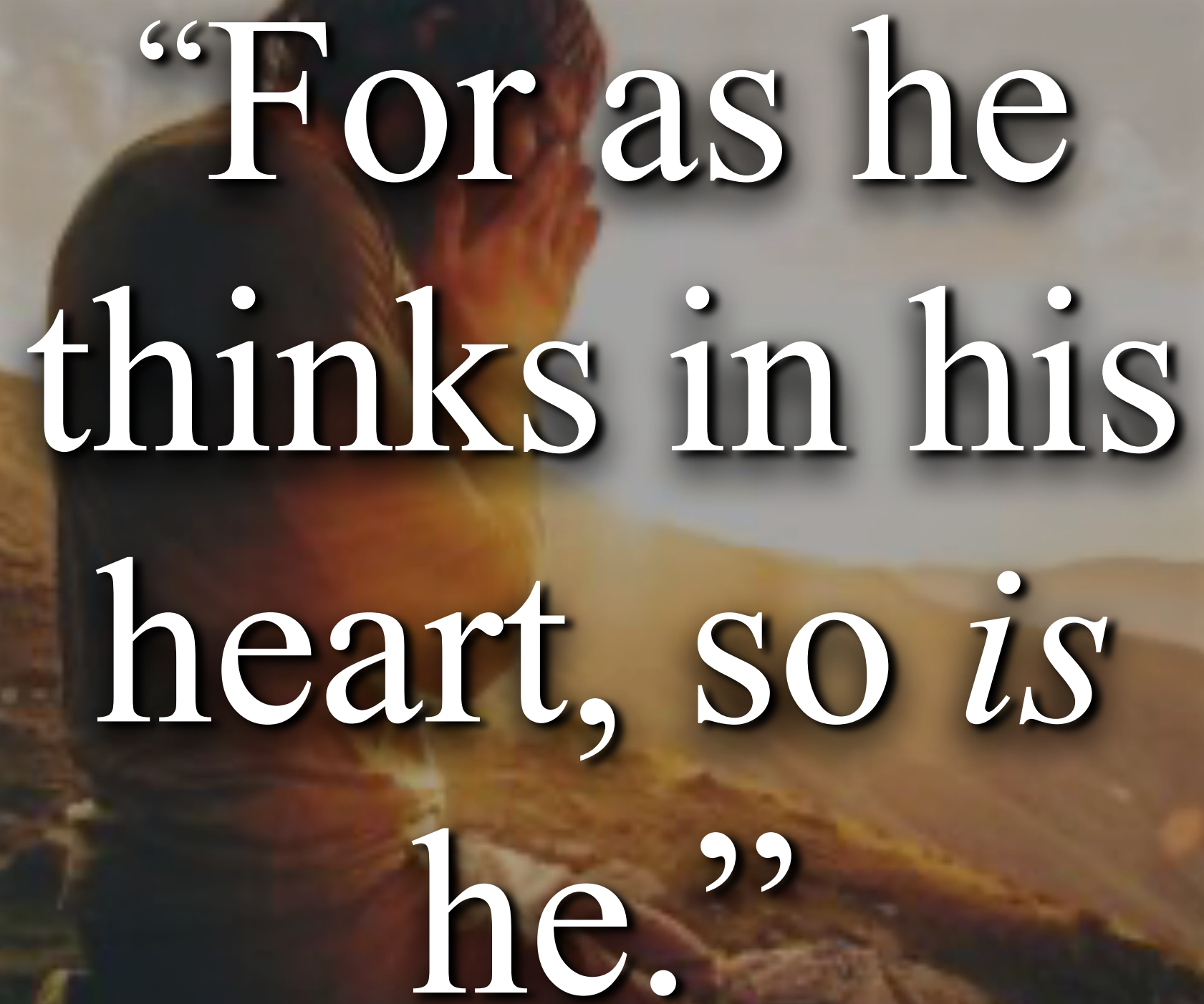
THE VALUE & IMPORTANCE OF GODLINESS

**ATTITUDES FOUND IN
FAITHFUL CHILDREN OF GOD**

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



THE VALUE & IMPORTANCE OF GODLINESS



“For as he
thinks in his
heart, so *is*
he.”

Proverbs 23:7

ATTITUDES

- HAVING THE RIGHT ATTITUDE IS ESSENTIAL TO SERVING GOD
- NOT MERELY ADVOCATING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, BUT A GODLY ATTITUDE!
- OUR ATTITUDE: “Our beliefs, emotions, and behaviors toward a particular object, person, thing, or event”

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- **TOWARD GOD**
- **TOWARD SCRIPTURE**
- **TOWARD GOD'S AUTHORITY**
- **TOWARD UNIVERSAL CHURCH**
- **TOWARD OURSELF**
- **TOWARD THE LOCAL CHURCH**
- **TOWARD SIN**
- **TOWARD TRUTH & ERROR**
- **TOWARD THE WORLD & HEAVEN**

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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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Components of Attitude

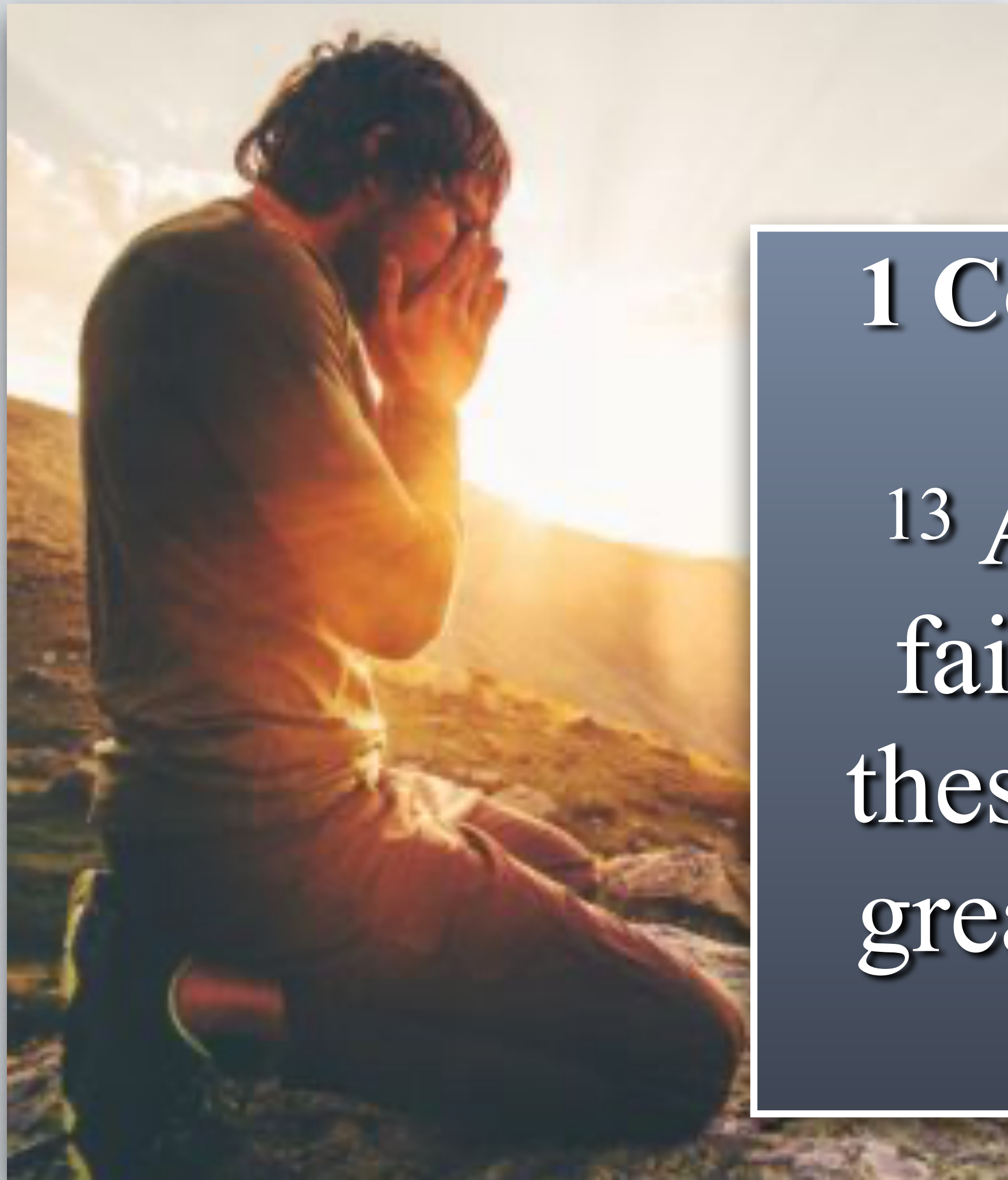
1 Corinthians 13:13
(NKJV)

¹³ And now abide
faith, hope, love,
these three; but the
greatest of these *is*
love.

■ **Cognitive:**
FAITH

■ **Affective:**
HOPE

■ **Behavioral:**
LOVE



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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**
- ★ **DESPERATE
TO BE RIGHT
W/ GOD**
- ★ **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**
- ★ **SUPPORTIVE**
- ★ **LOVING**
- ★ **ZEAL FOR UNITY IN 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.

- ★ **MERCIFUL**
- ★ **KINDHEARTED**
- ★ **HUMILITY**
- ★ **MEEKNESS**
- ★ **LONG-SUFFERING**
- ★ **SUPPORTIVE**
- ★ **FORGIVING**
- ★ **LOVING**
- ★ **AT PEACE**
- ★ **GRATEFUL**

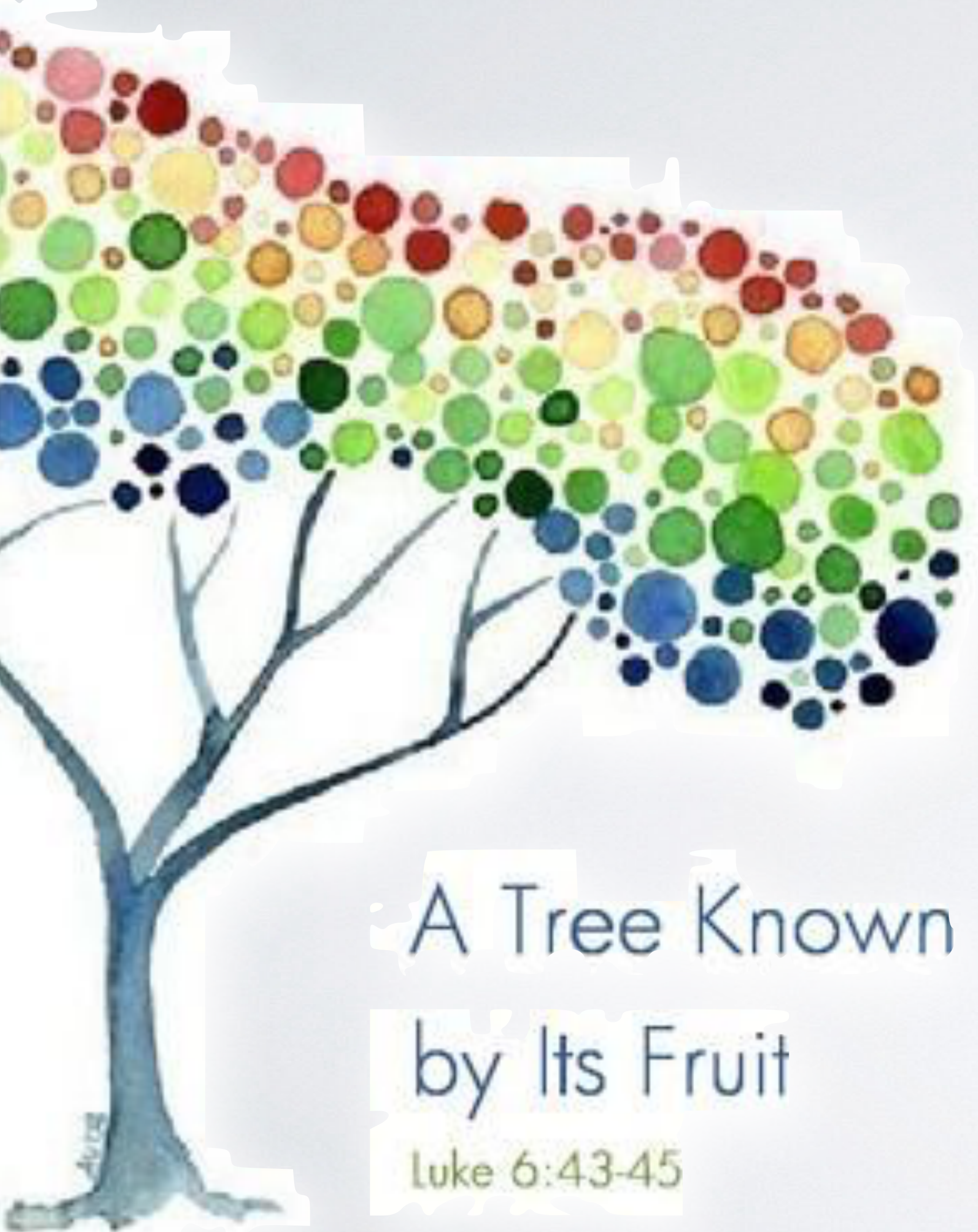
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James 3:13–18 (NKJV)

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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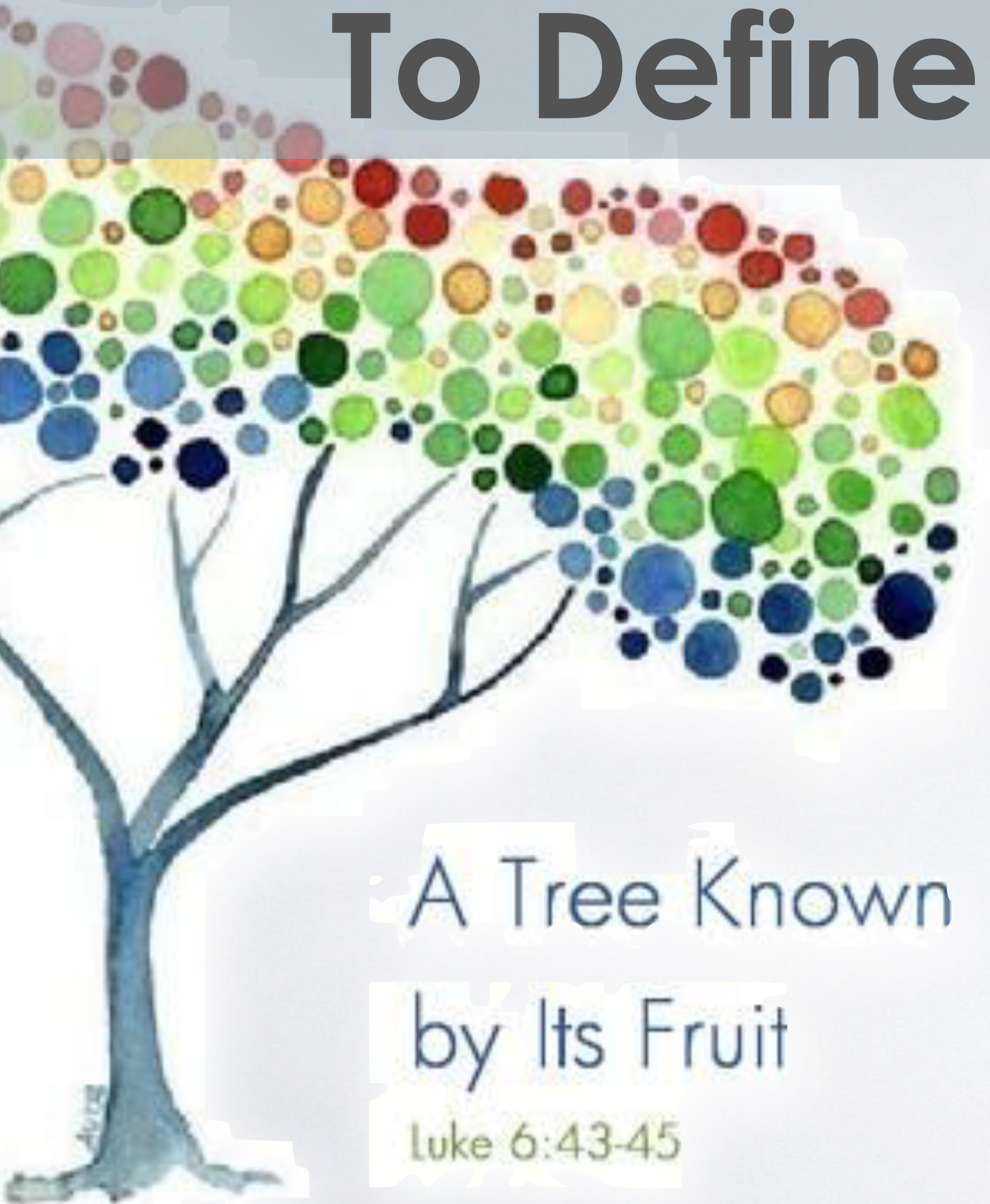


Galatians 5:22–23 (NKJV)

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 Spirit's controlling influences of the heart.

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Necessary Prerequisites

- ▶ 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
- ☑ Having died with Christ and raised to walk in newness of life —Rom 6:1-23; 8:1,2
- ☑ Abiding in CHRIST by abiding in the teachings of Christ — John 15:1-12; Colossians 3:12-17



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The Spirit's Fruit — (Gal. 5:22,23)

LOVE

JOY

PEACE

Galatians 5:16
(NKJV)

¹⁶ I say then:
Walk in the
Spirit, and you
shall not fulfill
the lust of the
flesh.

- ▶ **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) - Phili 4:4; 1 John 1:4
- ▶ **Peace:** Contentment due to a right relationship w/ God (Phili 4:7)

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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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FAITHFULNESS

GENTLENESS

SELF-CONTROL

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

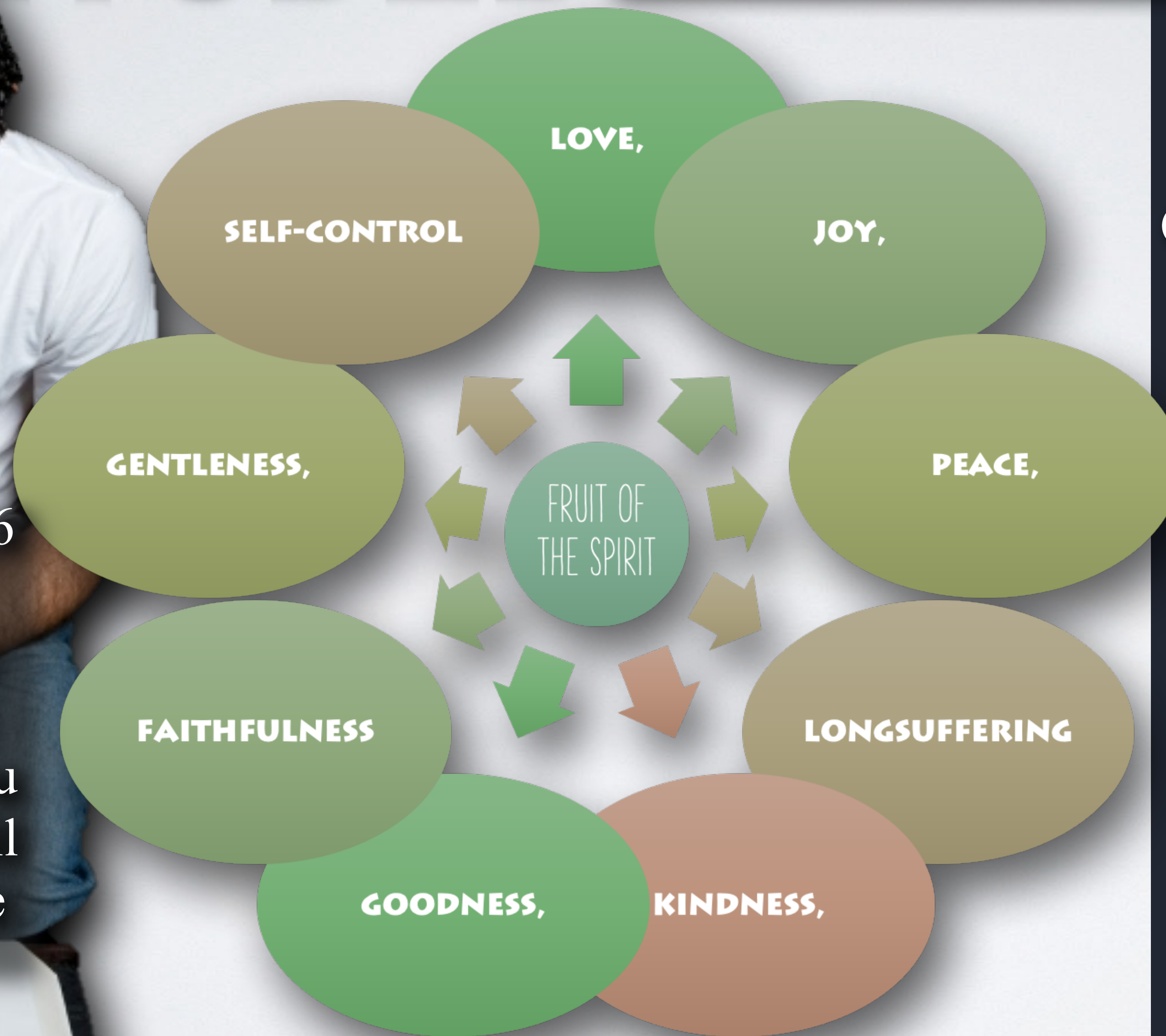
► **Gentleness,** - Suffers wrong without resentment – strong, firm, but under control. – Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12; Gal. 6:1

► **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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Galatians 5:16
(NKJV)

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These
characteristics
combined 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

He who abides in the Spirit, bears much fruit

OF THE SPIRIT –
Gal. 5:22,23

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; Philo 2:1-5

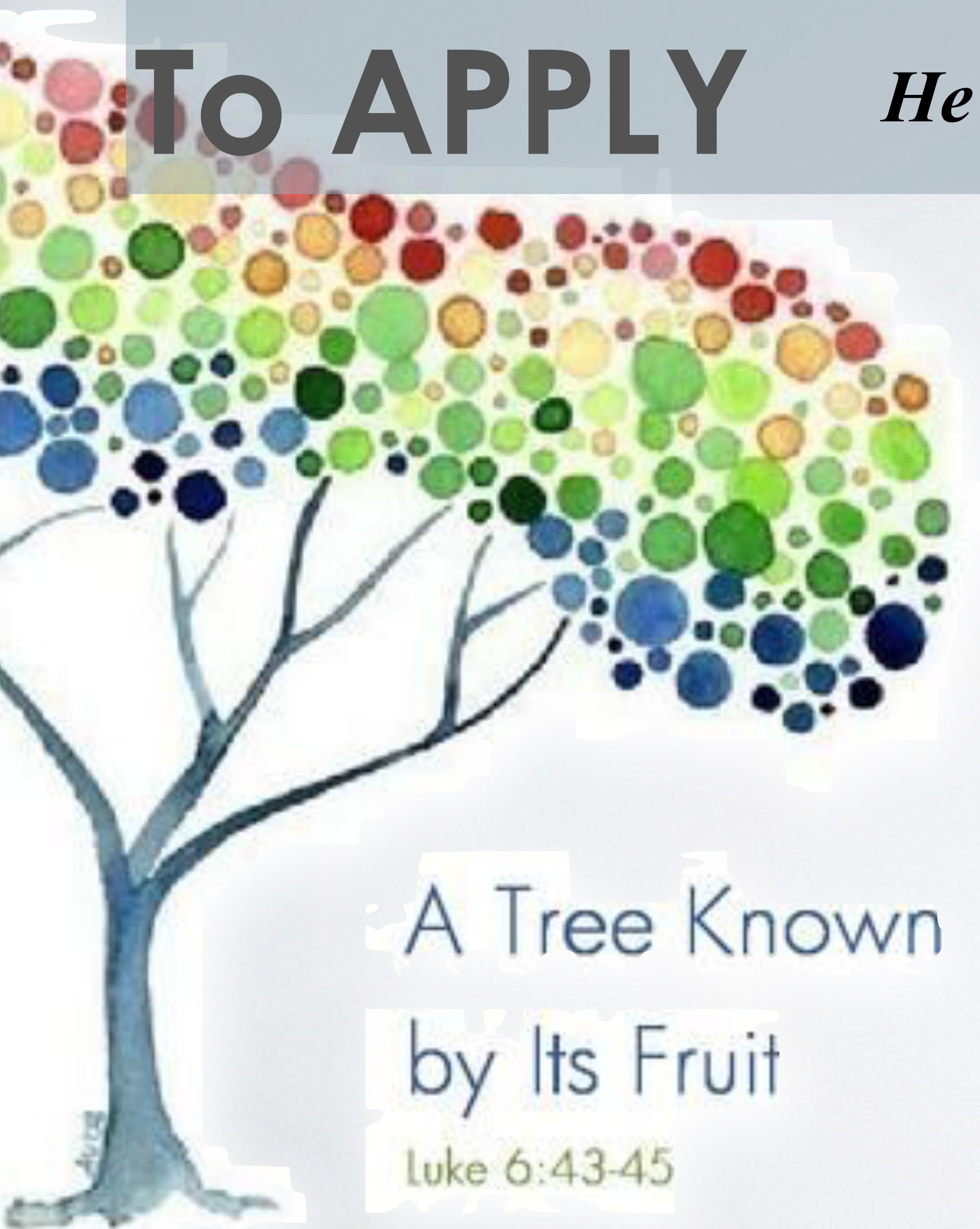
RIGHTEOUSNESS–
Philo 1:11; 2 Cor.
9:10; Heb 12:11

John 15:5 (NKJV)
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.

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TO APPLY

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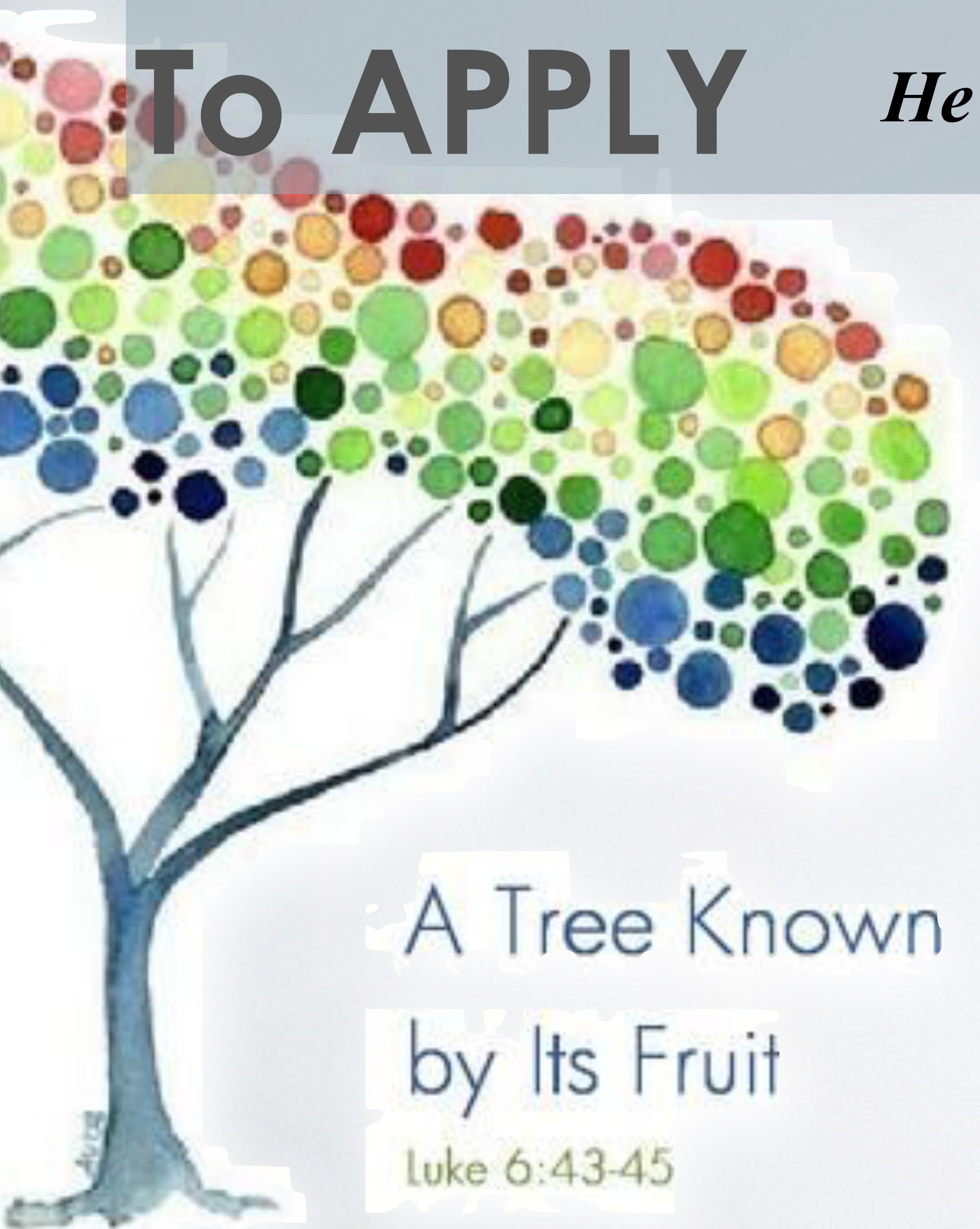
► FAMILY MATTERS –

- **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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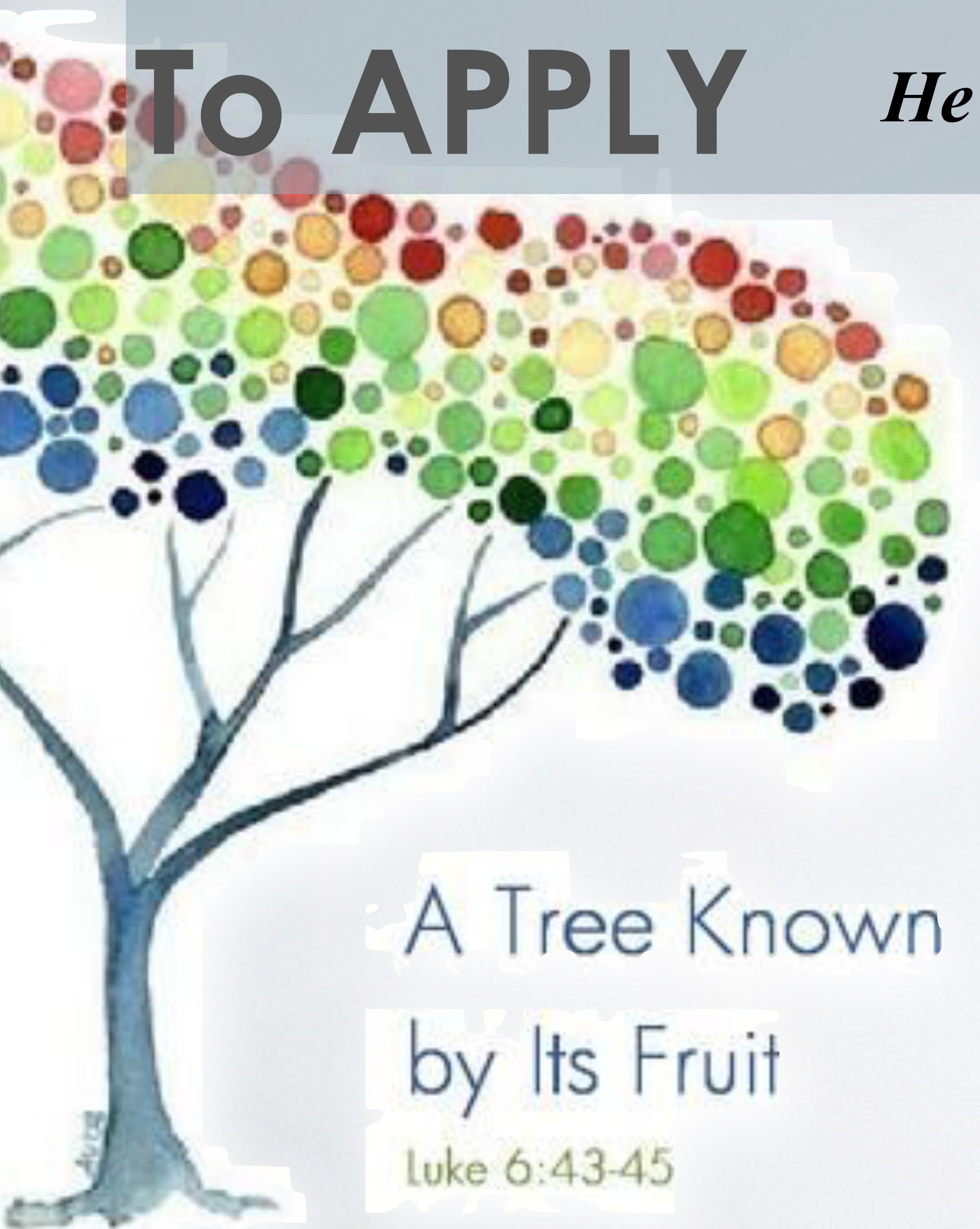
▶ NEIGHBOR MATTERS –

- **Love them** - Mark 12:31; Matt. 22:39; Gal. 5:14; James 2:8
- **Do good** for them — Rom 12:17; Luke 10:29-37
- **Teach** by word & deed — Acts 8:4; 1 Thes 1:8; Mat. 5:13,14

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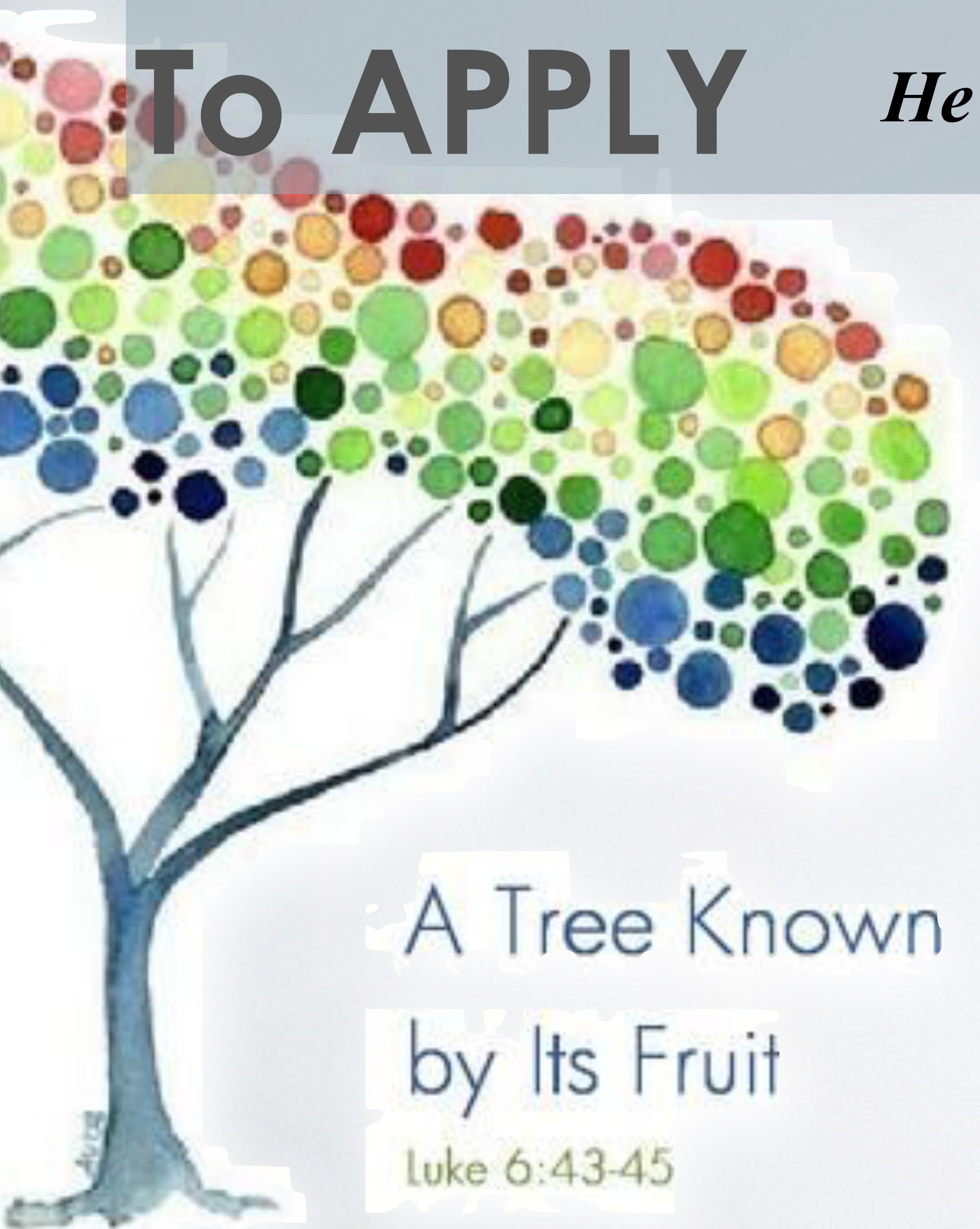
► CHURCH MATTERS –

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

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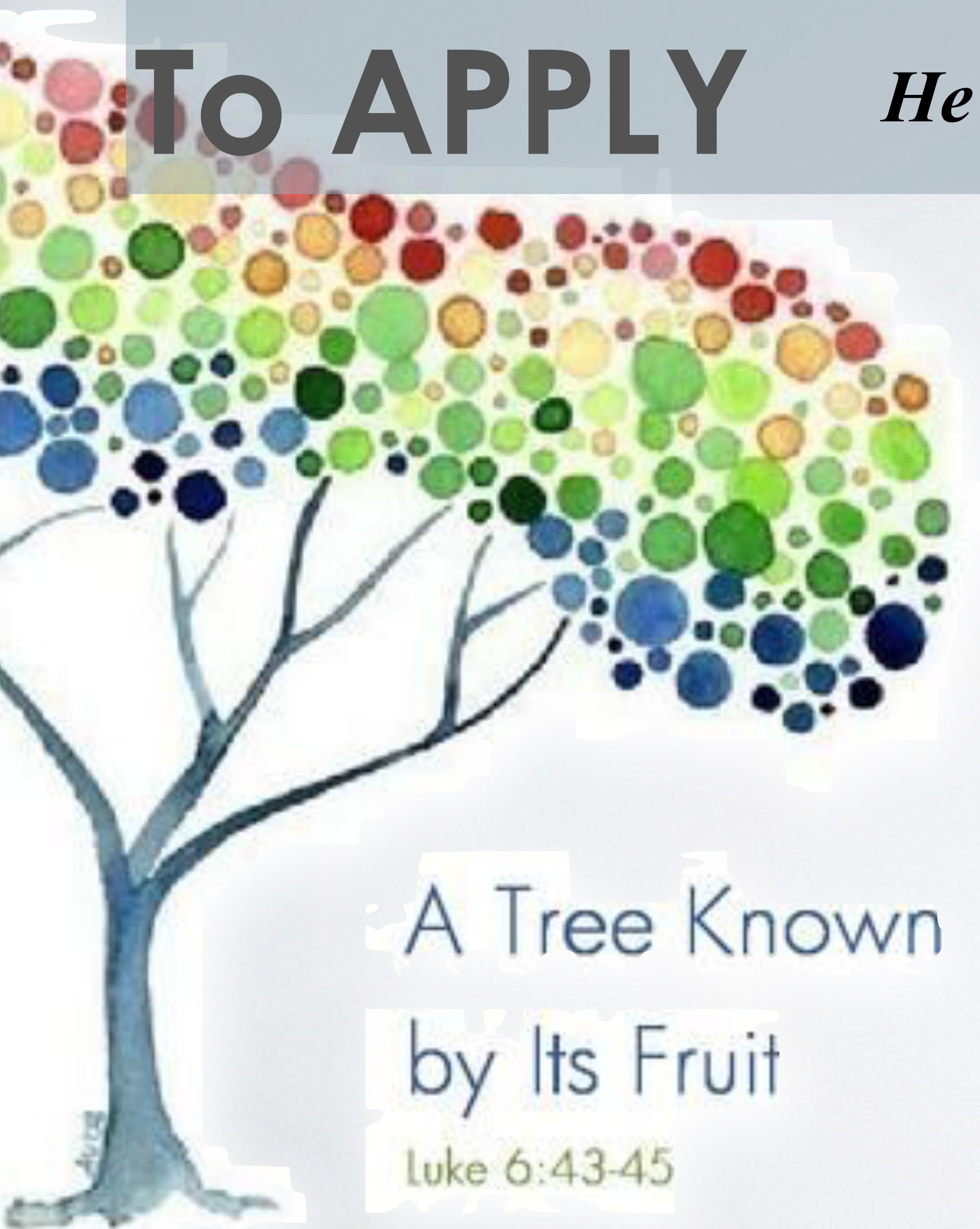
■ Growing & Serving (Eph 4:11-16)

- ◆ 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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A Tree Known
by Its Fruit

Luke 6:43-45

► You become what you SOW –

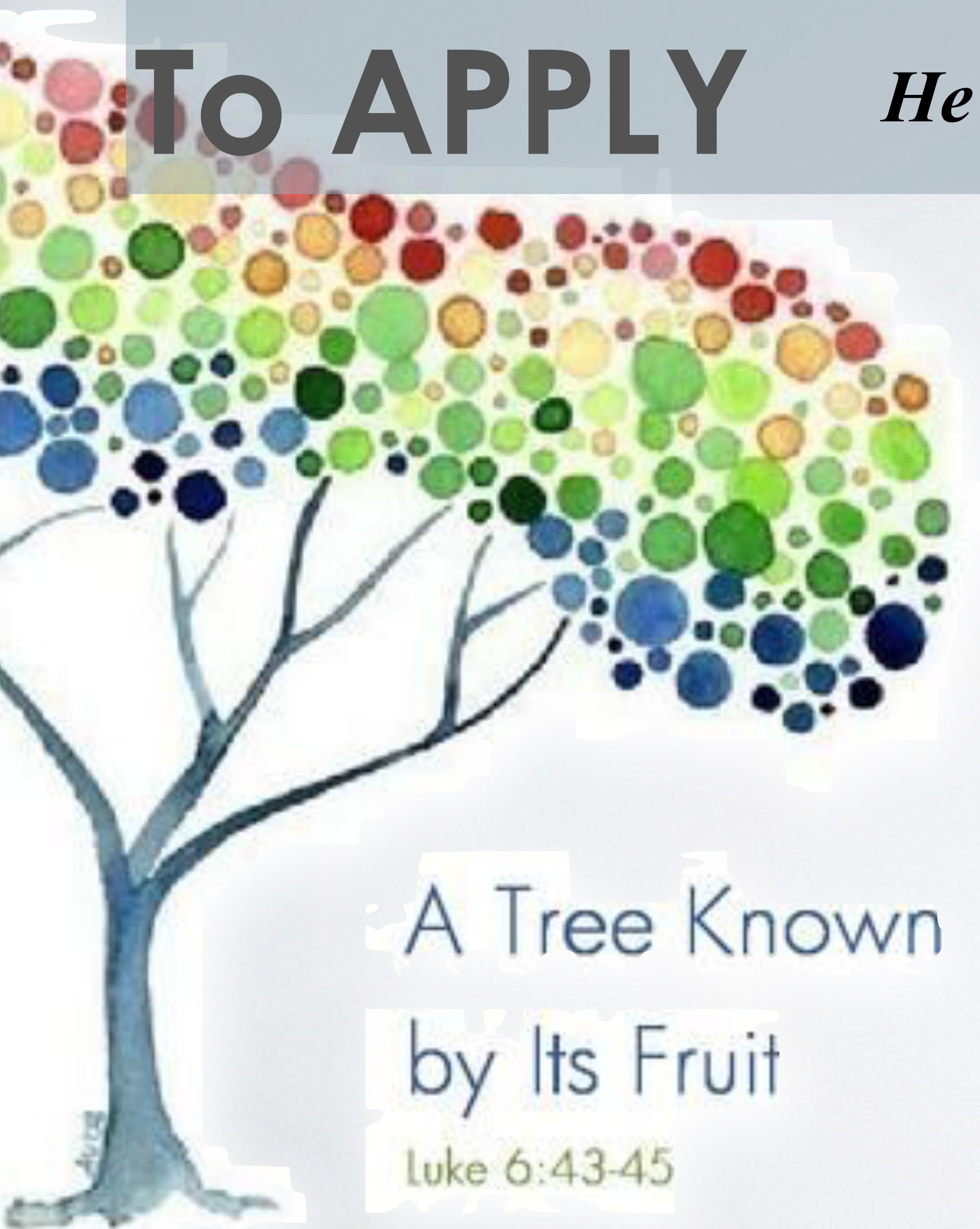
Galatians 6:7–8 (NKJV)

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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► 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 ATTITUDE EXEMPLIFIED



NOAH - Gen 6,7

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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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- **GOD** (Reverence / Trust / Honor/ Love)
- **SCRIPTURE** (Believe / Study / Follow)
- **GOD'S AUTHORITY** (Submissive)
- **THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH** (Thankful)
- **OURSELF** (Humble / Unworthy)
- **THE LOCAL CHURCH** (Love / Support)
- **SIN** (Hate / Flee)
- **TRUTH** (Love / Seek / Buy / Defend)
- **ERROR** (Hate / Expose / Defeat w/ Truth)
- **THE WORLD** (Be separate / Not our home)
- **HEAVEN** (Long for / Sacrifice for / Live for)

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Romans 8:28–29 (NKJV)

²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be conformed to the image of His Son*, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

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James 3:11–18 (NKJV)

¹¹ Does a spring send forth fresh *water* and bitter from the same opening? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both salt water and fresh. 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.