

Thursday Nights 6:30 – 8:00

5 Weeks in June (1, 8, 15, 22, 29)



River Oaks
Community Church



Fruit

of the

Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23



The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5: 22-23

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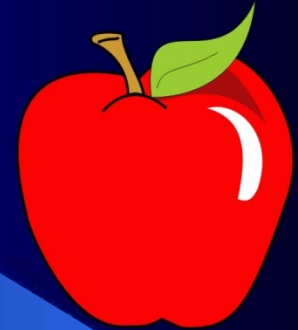
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The Fruit of the Spirit: Study Outline

Overview: The Basics and Doctrinal Positions

Prologue: Formula & Recipe for Fruit Production



Unit I: The Fruit and the Tree
The Fruit and its Cultivation
The Fruit and the Weeds

Unit II: Godward (Love → Joy → Peace)
Manward (Patience → Kindness → Goodness)
Selfward (Faithfulness → Gentleness → Self-Control)

Unit III: The Fruit and God
The Fruit and Others
The Fruit and Ourselves

The Capstone of the Fruit is LOVE (I Cor. 13)

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

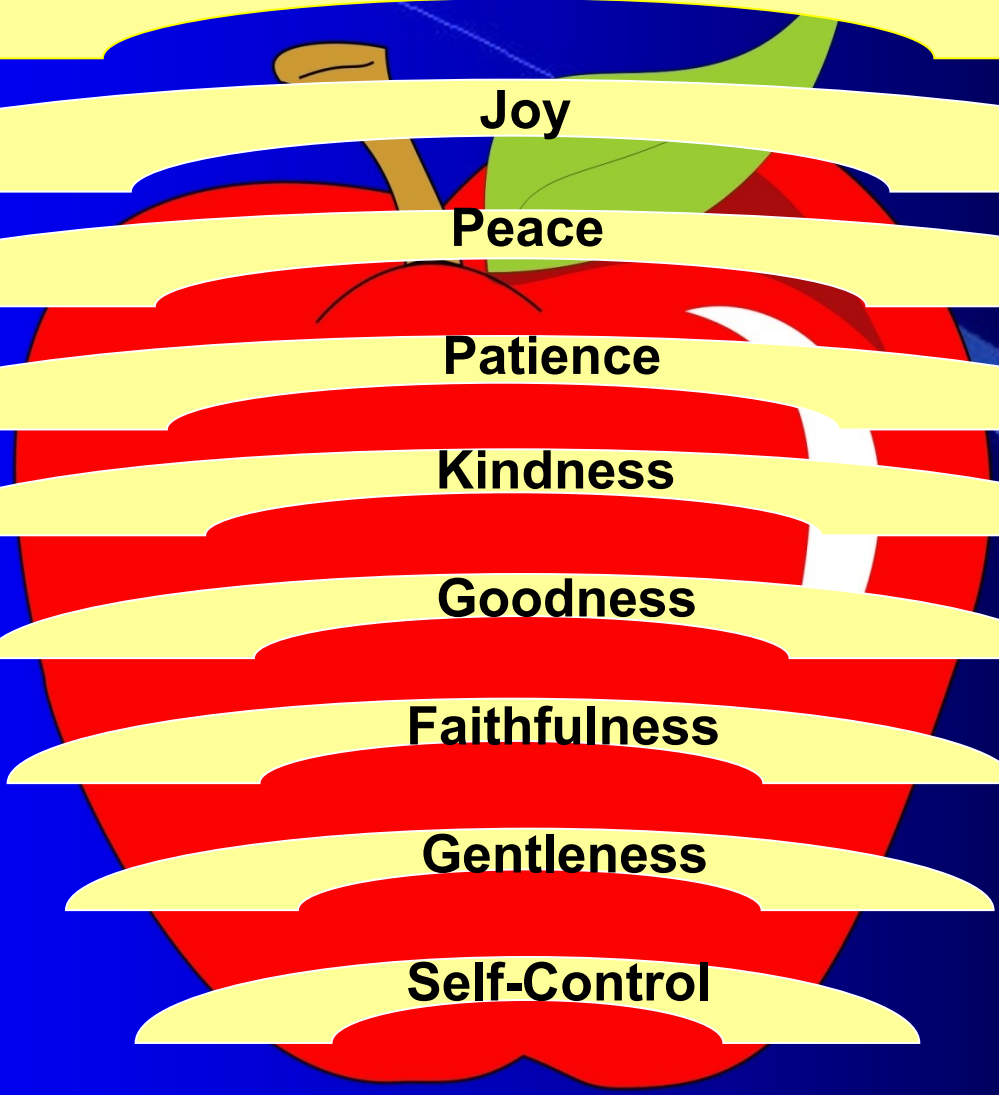
Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-Control



The Capstone of Absence of Fruit is **HATRED** (Gal. 5:19-21)

Hatred

Sorrow

Anxiety

Impatience

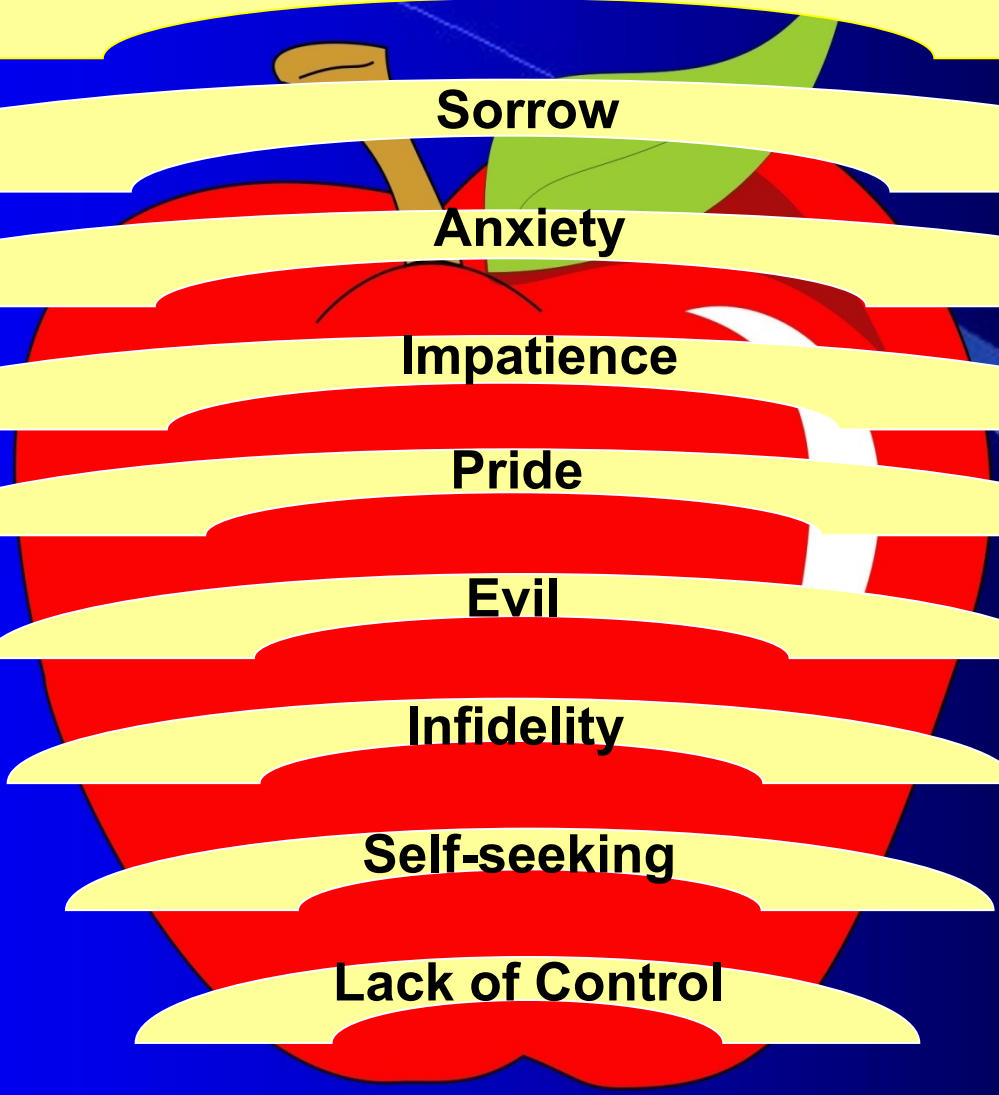
Pride

Evil

Infidelity

Self-seeking

Lack of Control



Questions & Assignments [Example]

Think of many small groups devoted to Bible study. Why do they differ from each other so drastically?

What motivation do you require so that you will “hunger and thirst after righteousness”?

Journal your thoughts and actions during the next week, looking for situations in which you were tempted to act in a self-centered way instead of putting others before yourself. What did you do in each case? What do you observe about yourself?

Pray for sensitivity to see yourself as God does. Confess any self-centered ways. Pray for grace to change.

Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain

Psalm 127:1

Essentials.

G

One
Sovereign
Creator

J

Resurrected
God-Man
Christ

Sp

Holy
Indwelling
Life-Giver

Gr

Free
By Faith
Salvation

Ch

The Body
Local
Awaiting

Ad

2nd Coming
Judgement
Restoration

Ev

Missional
Obedience
Discipleship

In Essentials, Unity.



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Open the Eyes of My ❤️ Lord

Open the Eyes of my ❤️ Lord....

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I want to see You....I want to see you

To see You High and Lifted Up

Shining in the Light of Your Glory

Pour out Your Power in Love

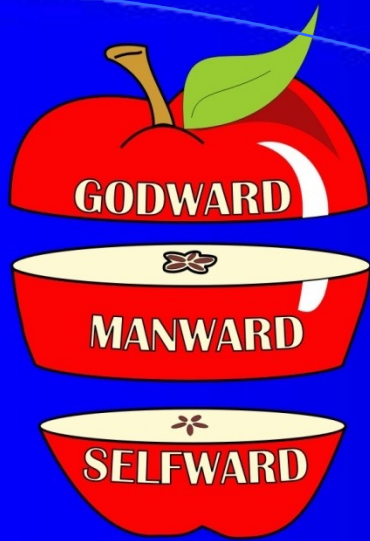
As we sing Holy.. Holy... Holy



Session Exercise

Write down three things that you would like
to take from this study.

Keep them for future reference.



The Fruit of the Spirit

Overview



The Basics



Doctrinal Positions





God's Orchard: The Fruit of the Spirit
Becoming the Person God Wants You to Be

Major Concepts:

- The Flesh can never produce the fruit of the Spirit
Why?



God's Orchard: The Fruit of the Spirit
Becoming the Person God Wants You to Be

Major Concepts: Because.....

- **When the Spirit produces fruit – God gets the glory**
- **When the flesh produces fruit, the fleshly man feels pride and pleasure**

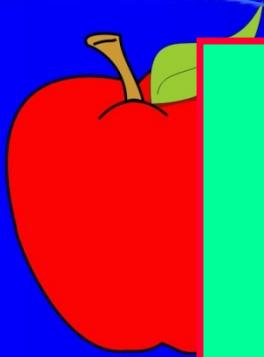


**God's Orchard: The Fruit of the Spirit
Becoming the Person God Wants You to Be
Galatians Teachings**

Central Scriptures of the Study:

**“ I am the Lord your God.....You shall have
no other gods before me.” Exodus 20:2-3**

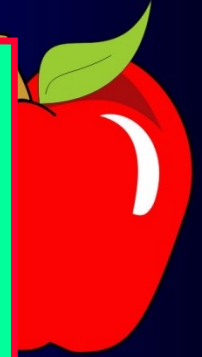
**“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and
with all your soul and with all your mind.” Matt. 22:37**



God's Orchard: The Fruit of the Spirit

Becoming the Person God Wants You to Be

Galatians Teachings



**The Gospel message is one inseparable whole (Gen. 3:15,
John 3:16, Rev. 22:13)**

We must have a biblical doctrine based on Grace → Faith

Christian character is produced ONLY by God's Character

**Fruit can only come from a fruit-seed, and the fruit-seed
can only be implanted by God (Matt. 13:3-9)**

Some Basic Doctrinal / Biblical Principles.....

....We are made in Gods Image (Genesis 1:27)

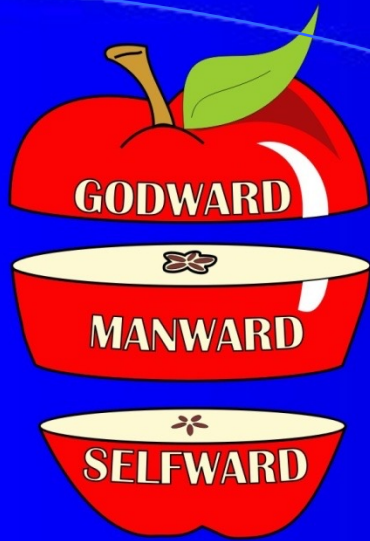
....As believers, trusting in God for our salvation and eternal life....we are therefore before the beginning of time predestined to be called the children of God (Rom. 8:28)

....As the children of God our sins have been covered by the blood of Jesus and we are made a part of the family of God and called Holy

Some Basic Doctrinal / Biblical Principles.....

.... in Galatians 2: 20-21 Paul says “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing

....thus, as Hebrews 10: 22-25 says, “let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith...let us consider how to **stir up** one another to love and good works [**fruit**].”

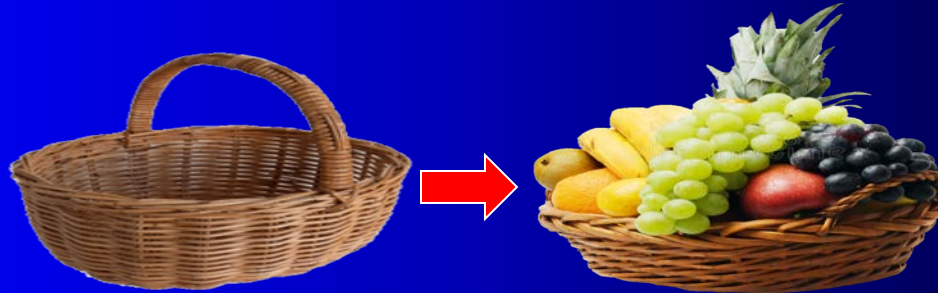


The Fruit of the Spirit

Prologue



Formula for Fruit Production

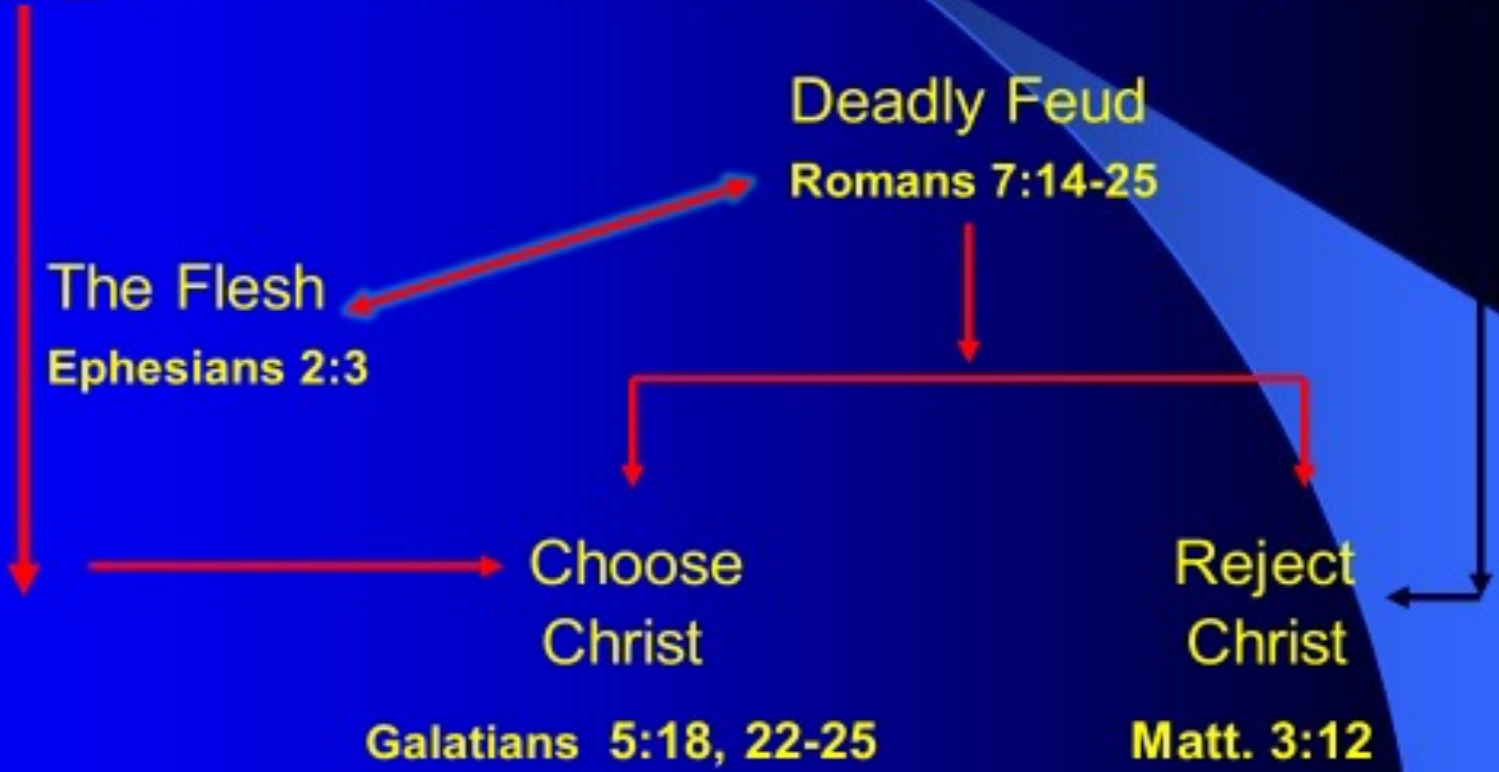


Recipe for Spiritual Growth



Formula for Fruit Production

or an ugly wormy rottenness





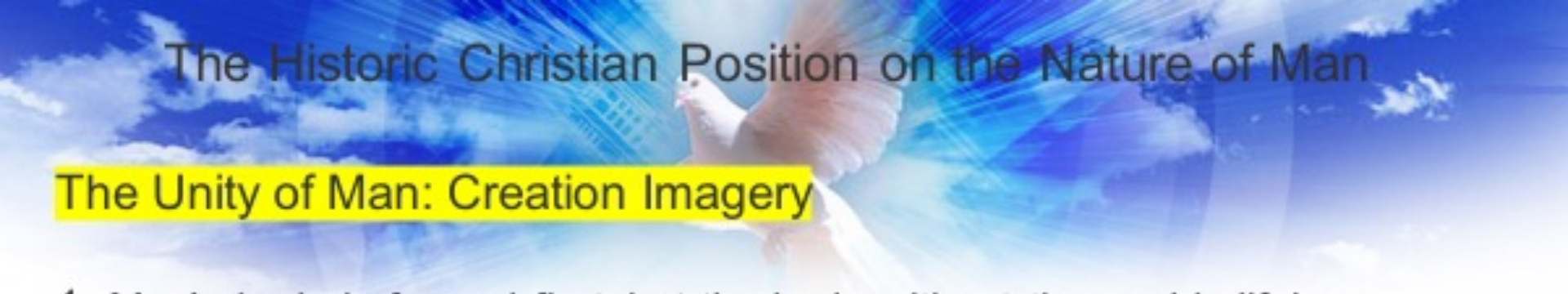
God Created the Soul!

Mind + Heart = Soul/Spirit

Matthew 22:37

Only authentic Holy Spirit infusion of the Soul/Spirit
will produce intense affections of heart and mind

The Historic Christian Position on the Nature of Man



The Unity of Man: Creation Imagery

1. Man's body is formed first, but the body without the soul is lifeless
2. God breathes the breath of life into the body and it becomes a living soul, which is mortal and survives the grave because of God's Power
3. The soul of man can live without the body; the body cannot live without the soul [Matt. 10:28]
4. The nurture and care of the soul is a top priority for the Christian life

"Soul/Spirit" used Interchangeably throughout Scripture

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is quick.....piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit

Luke 1:46-47: Mary says "my soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."



Biblical References on the Nature of the Soul

Matthew 10:28 – “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.”

Matthew 16:26 – “What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?”

Hebrews 4:12 – “For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

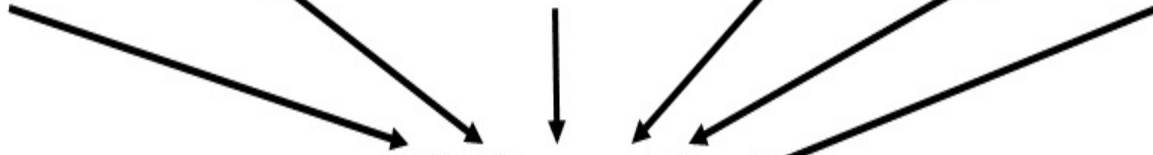
I Thessalonians 5:23 – “May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”



What are your observations of the “frog” ?

Battle for the Mind

Multi Media Family/Friends Economics Politics Religion Social Norms





With All Your Mind

I Corinthians 2:16 – “For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”

Romans 12:2 – “And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect with God.”

I Corinthians 2:14 - “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

Phillippians 2:2 – “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus

Colossians 3:10 – “And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge (sanctification) after the image of its creator.”



Mind FAQ's

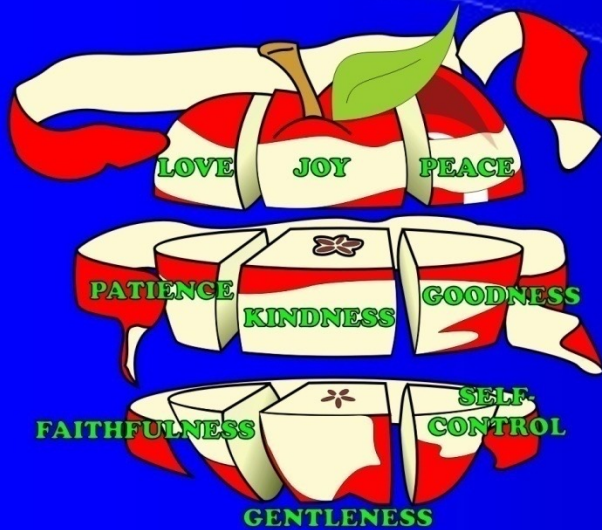


- ♥ The Mind is the seat of our spiritual affections (love, joy, peace, etc.)
- ♥ The Mind is capable of perception, speculation, decisions, understanding
- ♥ Our Mind should be wholly engaged to do all it can to awaken and express the heartfelt fullness of treasuring God above all things
- ♥ Knowing God is the Point of Loving God



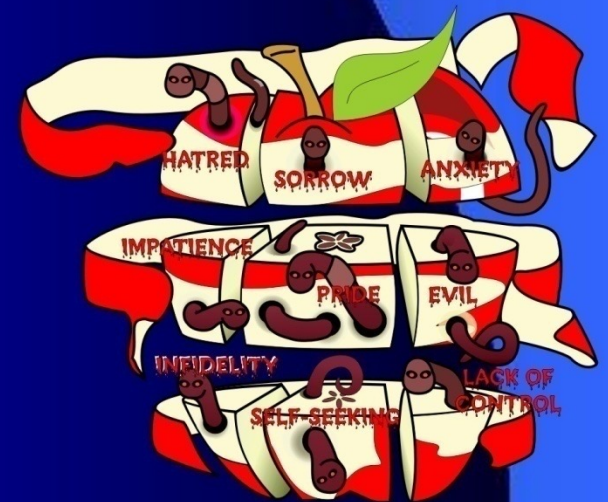
Training our Minds

to think Rightly
about the things
of God is our
lifelong calling



You Are What You Think

Your Mind Produces Change in Character





Finding a Heart Directed Way of Knowing

Think about what you Know....

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord (Jer. 29:11)

Seek it like silver

and search for it as for hidden treasures (Prov. 2:4)

Get wisdom,

and whatever you get, get insight (Prov. 4:1-9)

Take my instruction instead of silver,

and knowledge rather than choice gold,

For wisdom is better than jewels,

and all that you may desire cannot compare with her (Prov. 8:10-11)

How much better to get wisdom than gold?

To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver. (Prov. 16:16)



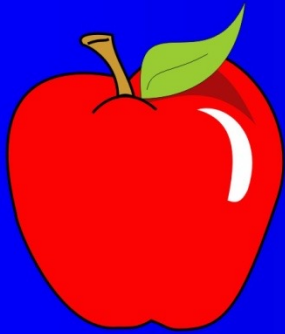
The Heart and the Will

I Peter 3:9 – “Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you will be called, that you may obtain a blessing”

A tender heart is conscientious. It makes its possessor diligent in the performance of our Kingdom ministry of service for the glorification of our Lord

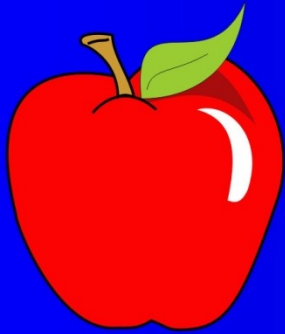
The heart highlights the center of our volitional and emotional life without excluding thought; the heart inclines towards or away from what it grasps, pleased or displeased

A heart which has been tender in the fear of God is one which moves as the Holy Spirit works upon it (Isaiah 66:2)



Fruit Production Recipe

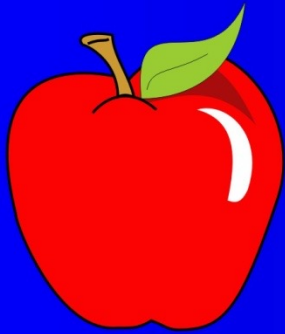
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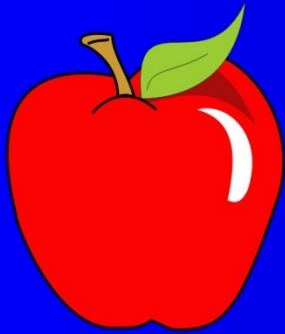
Become passionate in your pursuit of God.

Rekindle your desire! [Phil.3:10]



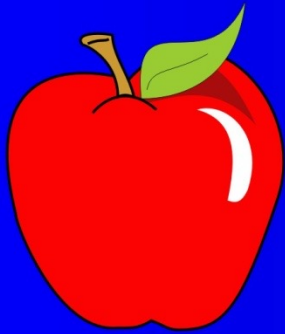
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**Prayerfully examine your faith and spiritual fruit
[Hebrews 11:1]**



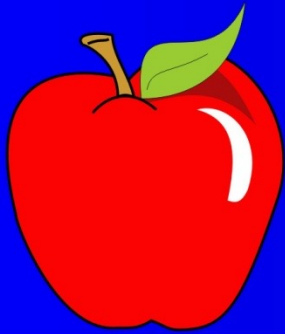
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**Ask God to open your ears to hear His voice, to clear your
spiritual eyes, and to let you understand with your heart
[II Kings 6:16-17]**



Fruit Production Recipe

**Become infatuated with and in love with the Word,
which is Christ Jesus [1 John 4:19]**



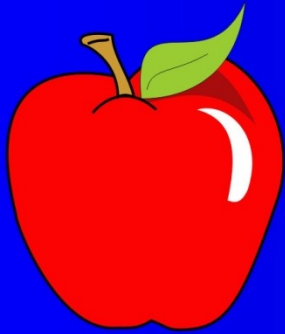
Fruit Production Recipe

**Know your spiritual gifts and become a faithful steward
over all that God has entrusted to you. [1 Peter 4:10]**









Fruit Production Recipe

Learn how to closely examine both specifics and context of the Word. [Gen. 15:6, Rom. 4:3-8, Hebrews 11:8-13]



Fruit Production Recipe

Think Eternally

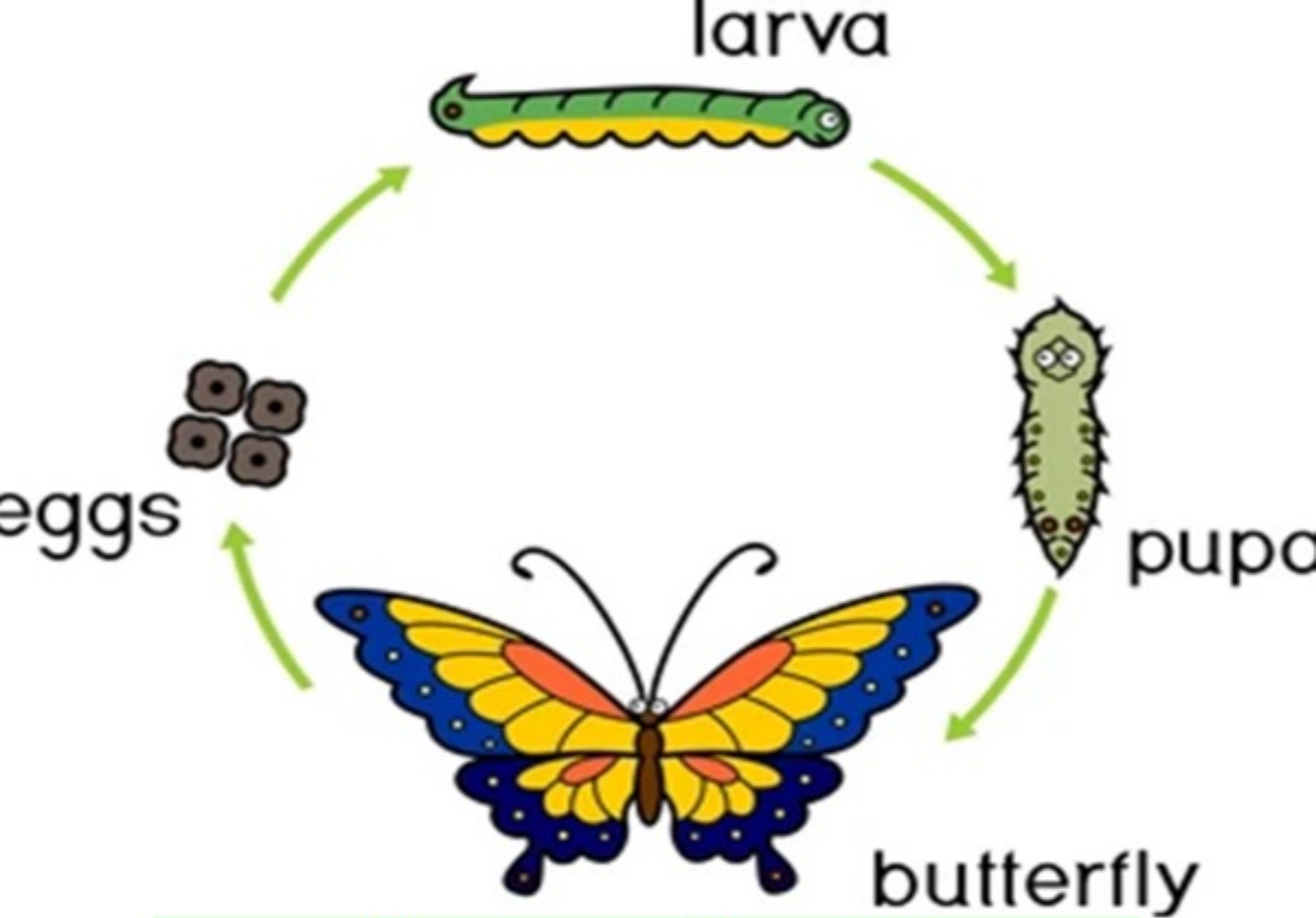
Be steadfast in service

Pursue God continually

Remember – You are a Child of the King



**For You , O God, tested us; you refined
us like [gold]. Psalm 66:1-2**



How is your metamorphosis?

Keep your eyes on the Destination.
don't get bogged down with the Journey..
the world GPS system can have you
making a lot of "circle backs"



What is your appetite for Heaven?