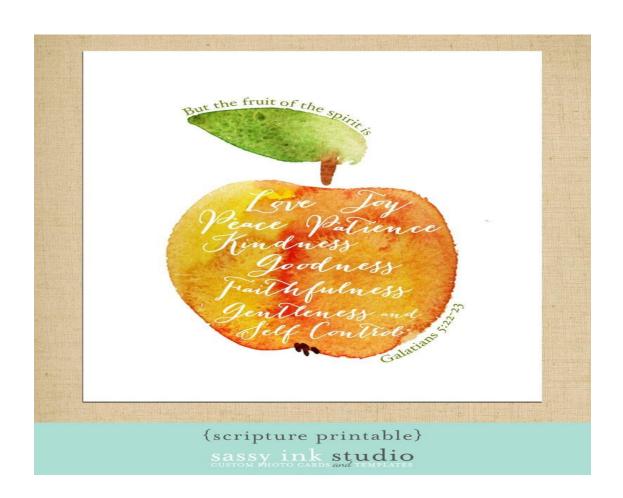


A tree and its fruit (Matt. 7:15-20)

- "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.
- You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?
- Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
- A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.
- Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
- Therefore by their fruits you will know them.



- LOVE (Matt.22:34-40:).
- JOY (John 15:10-12; Rom. 5:1-5;1Pet. 1:3-9)
- PEACE (Rom. 5:8-11; 12:18-19)
- PATIENCE/LONGSUFFERING (Rom.15:5; 2Pet. 3:9)
- KINDNESS (Col.3:12)
- GOODNESS (Eph.5:9; Gal. 6:9-10)
- FAITHFULNESS (ROM.10:17)
- GENTLENESS/MEAKNESS (JAM.3:17; MATT.11:29)
- SELF-CONTROL/CONTROL-SELF (2Pet. 1:4-6)

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 - envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like;
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- The vine and the branches (John 15:1-8)
 - Jesus is the vine; God is the vinedresser; we are the branches
 - God takes away every branch that doesn't bear fruit, prunes every branch that does, and it may bear more fruit
 - we bear much fruit if we are in Him and he is in us
 - we will be thrown away and withers if we are not in Him
 - His words remain in us if we remain in Him
 - We bear much fruit and showing ourselves to be His disciples, and God is glorified

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- In order to bear the fruit of the Spirit, we must follow the Spirit (Gal. 5:16)
- God wants us to follow the Spirit as we crucify the flesh with its passions and desires(Gal. 5:24-25)
- 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 (Gal.6:8)

Conclusion/Invitation

We are the branches; the Lord is vine; God is the vinedresser

• We must bear much fruit of the Spirit through abiding in the vine (His word), or God will take us away if we don't bear the fruit of the Spirit

 Will you today obey Him and abide in Him to bear the fruit of the Spirit