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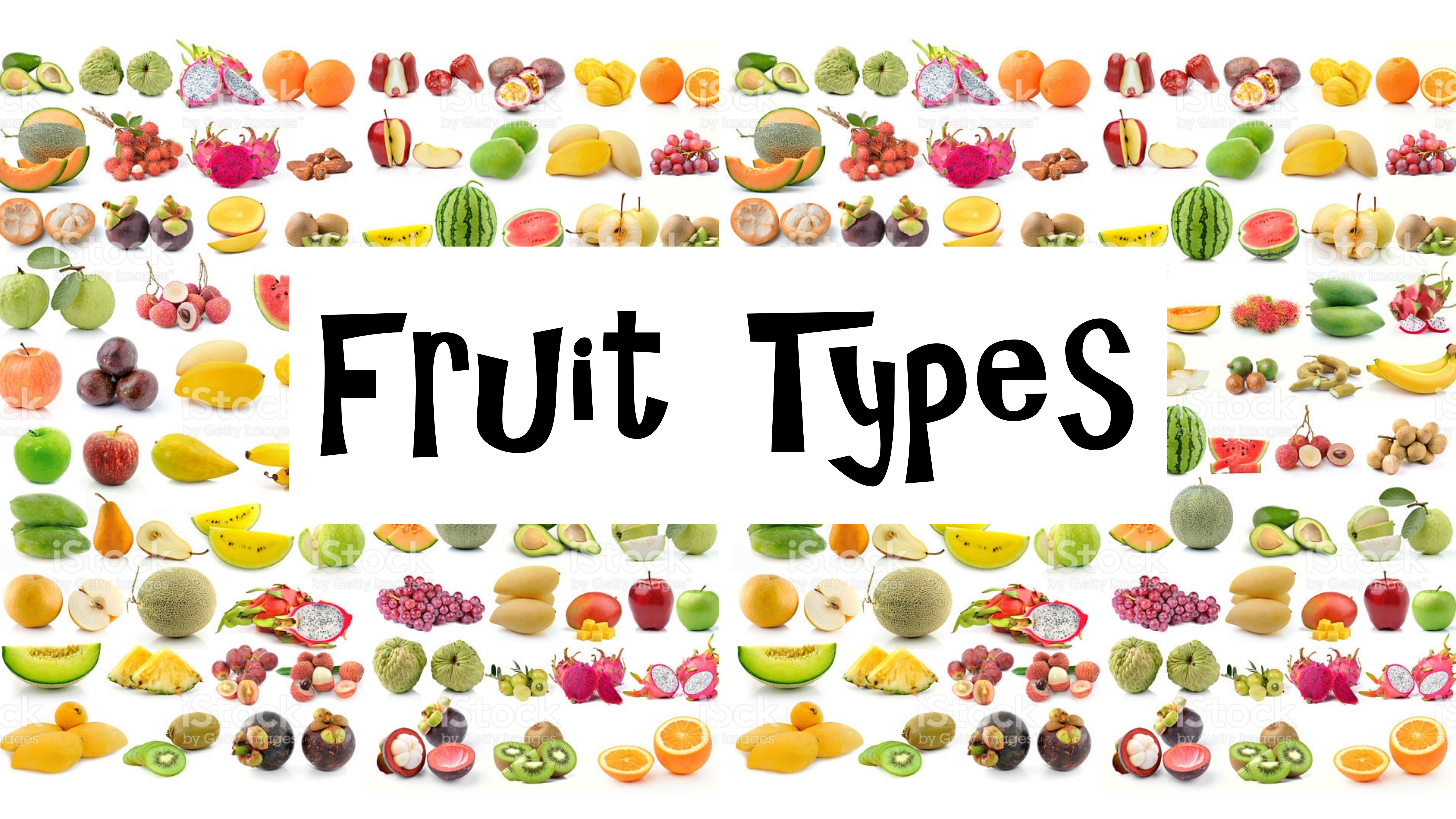
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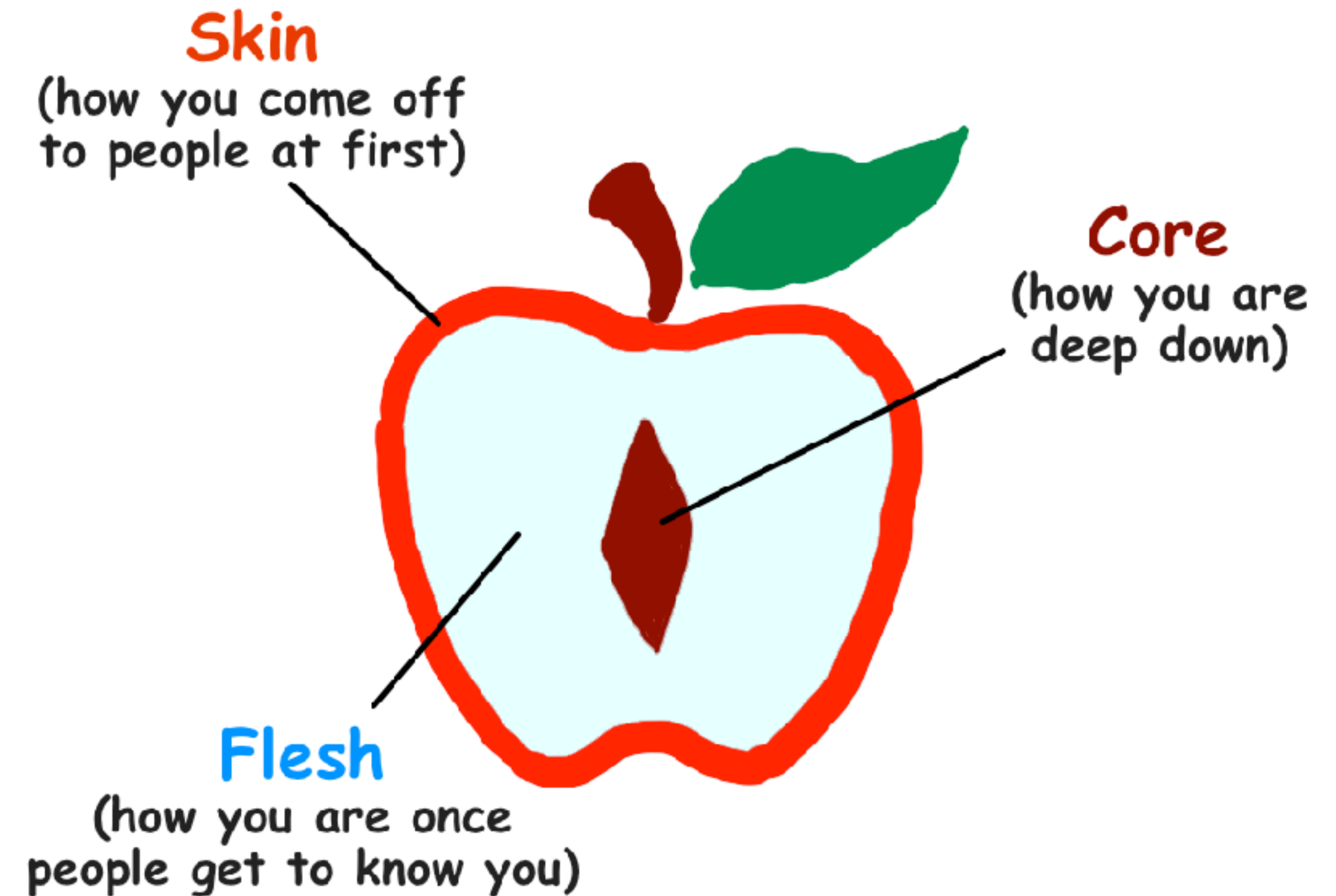
- A tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and cast away. Being a fruitless branch is an insult to God because He gave His Son so that we could bear good fruit. *Luke 3:9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.*
- The fruit that we bear should reflect the Word of God in every way. We should all strive to have what God's Word says we should have. *James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.*
- When we are a good tree, we will have good fruit. Whatever is inside of us will be in our fruit. This is why we must be sure to make the tree good so the fruit can be good. *Matt. 12:33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.*





Fruit Types

- **The fruit of our heritage** - Our family is our fruit. The Bible says that children are God's heritage. This is how He multiplies Himself in the earth. When a man and woman come together and have children, they are bearing fruit. God is rewarded when we bear children that we train up righteously. *Psa. 127:3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*
- **The fruit of good character** - The fruits of the spirit should be borne from the goodness of God that resides in us. Love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance should be fruit that we bear. We should be known for having this type of character and our fruit should plant seeds in others to cause them to bear the same fruit in their character. *Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*
- **The fruit of good behavior** - Our conduct is fruit. Our behavior should be reflective of the spirit that resides in us and not just our fleshly desires. We should bear the fruit of righteousness, which signifies choosing good over evil. Our behavior should reflect God. *James 3:18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.*



- **The fruit of good works** - As believers we should do good to others. We should seek to help our fellowman and show love to our brothers and sisters. They do not have to be in need for us to do good. Good works not only produces fruit, but it is sowing seeds that will cause us to reap good works, in return. *Col. 1:10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*
- **The fruit of souls** - When we lead others to Christ, they are fruit of our witness. This doesn't always mean that they have to hear us preach to them. They can be changed by our behavior and the way we handle things. This is especially true when it comes to people that are around us often. They should see the light of Christ in us and desire it. This is fruit of our labor. *Prov. 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.*
- **The fruit of giving** - Giving credits fruit to us. When we give we are sowing and the Bible says that whatever we sow, we will reap. Giving doesn't just help those that you give to but it helps credit your account with fruit from God. *Phil. 4:17 Not that I seek for the gift; but I seek for the fruit that increaseth to your account.*



SUMMARY

We should be bearing all of the fruit aforementioned in the Bible. Some fruit will take time to grow. But as believers, we are to be like a good tree, bearing fruit and seeds in due season, so that we can strengthen God's kingdom in the earth.

Matt. 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Matt. 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Matt. 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.