

But the fruit of the spirit is...

**GOODNESS**

*Peace*

*Love*

**Faithfulness**

*Joy*

**GENTLENESS**

*Kindness*

**Self-Control**

**PATIENCE**



*Where the spirit of the Lord is there is freedom!*

**GALATIANS 5:22**

# THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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**Text: Gal. 5:22-23**

**Memory Verse: For  
the fruit of the light  
consists in all goodness,  
righteousness, and truth  
- Eph. 5:9**



# Outlines

- ✦ *Introduction & Text Review*
- ✦ *Why 'Fruit'?*
- ✦ *The Opposite of Bearing Fruit*
- ✦ *Conclusion*

# Introduction & Text Review

- ✦ *One of the reasons Christ gave us the Holy Spirit is to empower the believer to be godlier or spiritual - **Jn. 16:12-15***
- ✦ *The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, guides us in our choices as believers thereby enabling us produce godly characteristics referred to as the 'fruit o the Spirit' - **Jn. 16:8; Eph. 3:16; Jn. 16:13***
- ✦ ***Text Review: Galatians 5:22-23***

# Why “FRUIT”?

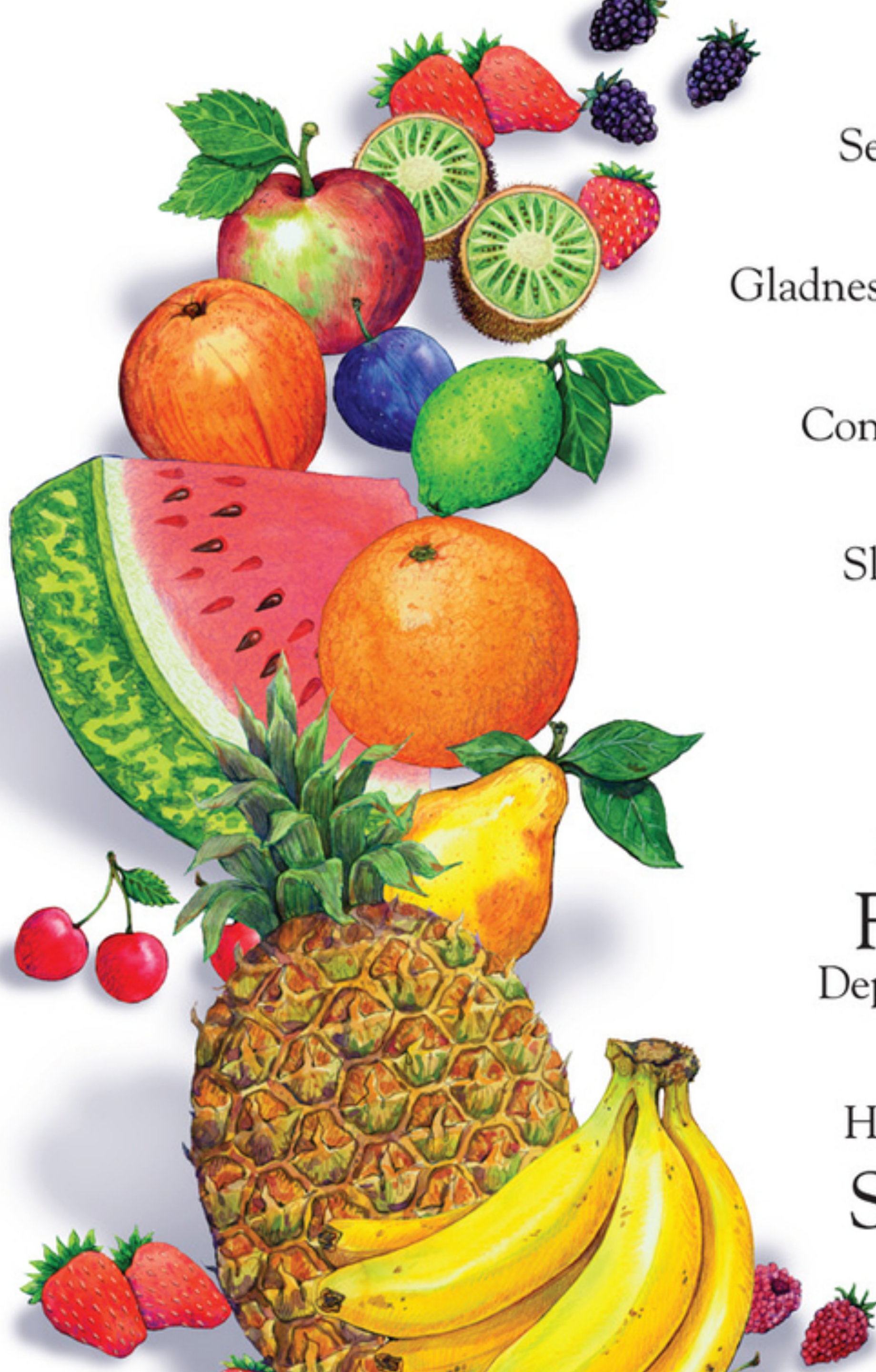
*Why does the Holy Spirit use ‘fruit’ to depict the characteristics of the believer?*

# Why “FRUIT”?

- ✦ *A fruit is defined as the sweet and fleshy product of a tree or other plant that contains seed and can be eaten as food*

# Why “FRUIT”?

- ✦ *Faith is like a tree and trees require tending (Lk. 17:6; Mk. 4:31)*
- ✦ If we give the tree nourishment (God’s Word), then it will grow bigger - **1 Peter 1:23; 1 Pet. 2:2**
- ✦ If we clear the weeds and insects (sinful tendencies) - **Eph. 4:22-31; Col. 3:8-10**, then we keep the tree healthy
- ✦ If we consult a professional gardener (God) - **1 Chron. 16:11** - then we will ensure we are on the right track
- ✦ The ‘fruit of the Spirit’ refers to the results that **SHOULD** be seen in our lives if we allow the Holy Spirit’s work in our hearts - **Rom. 8:9; Rom. 12:1-2**



## LOVE

Seeks the highest good of others.

## JOY

Gladness that is not based on circumstances.

## PEACE

Contentment, unity between people.

## PATIENCE

Slow to speak and slow to anger.

## KINDNESS

Merciful, sweet, and tender.

## GOODNESS

Generous and open hearted.

## FAITHFULNESS

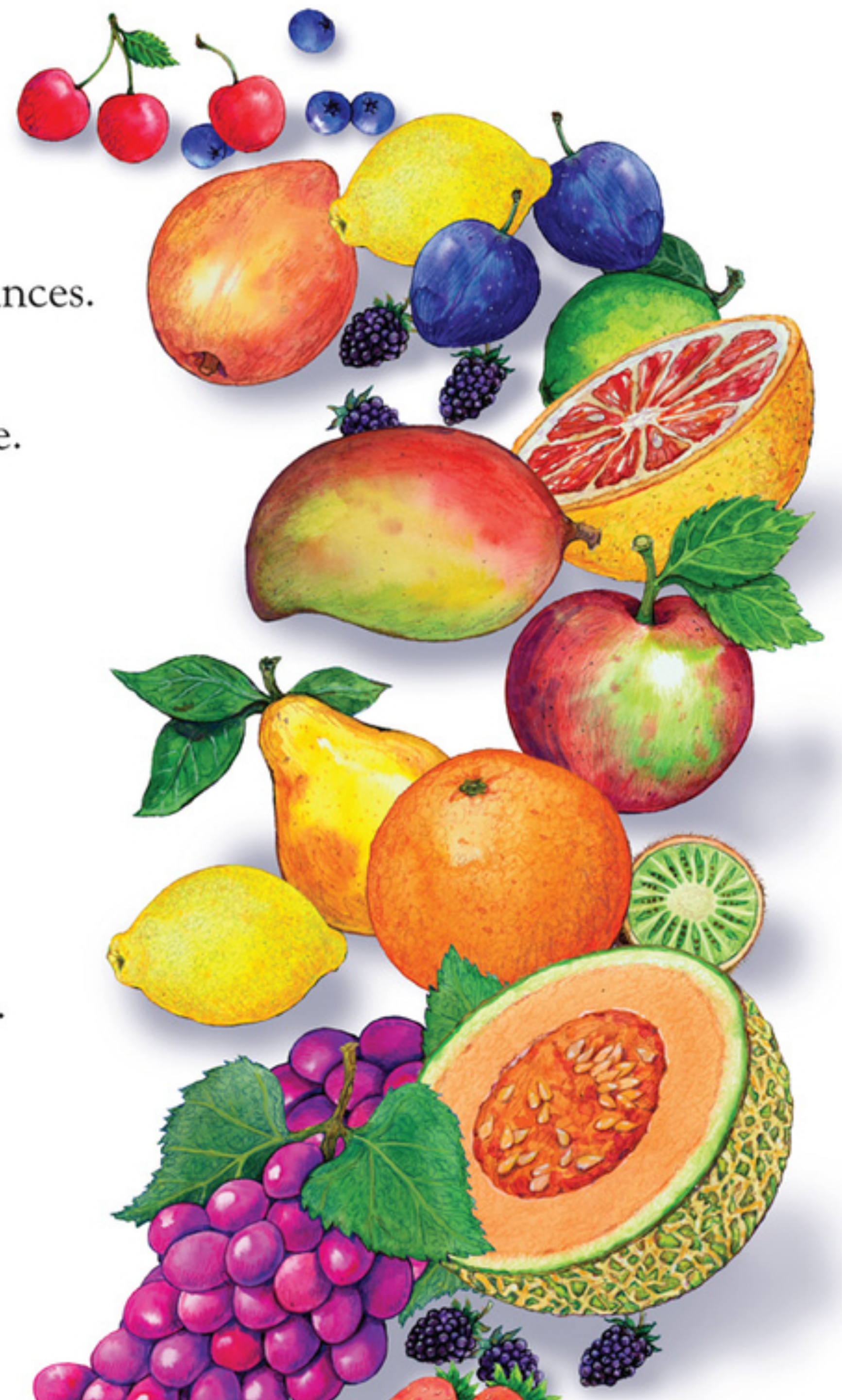
Dependable, loyal, and full of trust.

## GENTLENESS

Humble, calm, non-threatening.

## SELF-CONTROL

Behaving well.





# The Opposite of Bearing Fruit

✦ *Stagnation and ultimately death is the opposite of bearing fruit - **James***

***2:14-26; Rom. 6:20-23; Prov. 14:12***

✦ *There is a list of things that everyone who is not fully under the Holy Spirit's influence will have problems with - **Gal. 5:19-21***

✦ *When a christian does not bear the fruit of the Spirit, he/she is more likely to bear these fruits*

✦ *The danger with this is that people who do any of these DO NOT have a part in God's Kingdom*

# The Opposite of Bearing Fruit

*Impure thoughts*

*Wrong Doctrine*

*Wild Parties*

*Jealousy & Anger*

*Envy*

*Hatred & Fighting*

*Drunkenness*

*Causing trouble*

*Murder*

*Eagerness for lustful pleasure*

*Complaints & Criticisms*

*Spiritism - encouraging activity of demons*

*Doing Shameful things*

*Taking part in witchcraft*

*Constant effort to get the best for yourself*

*Feeling that everyone else is wrong except those in your own little group*

## Conclusion

*On one hand, our sinfulness produces rotted, poisoned fruit which reflects our sinful nature and hurts us in the end. On the other hand, the Holy Spirit produces beautiful, nourishing fruit that reflects God's nature and will ultimately benefit our lives*