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# Paul's Prayer for the Saints @ Philippi Part 2

## Philippians 1:9-11

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<sup>9</sup> And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;  
<sup>10</sup> That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; <sup>11</sup> Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

# Let's Review!

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# Notice the Words

v. 10

## “the day of Christ”

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**Day of Christ refers to  
Christ's return to this earth  
to defeat his enemies and  
judge both the living and  
the dead.**





# Philippians 1:10 (KJV)

- That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence

till the day of Christ;

Or 'for'



# Philippians 1:10 (ESV)

- so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

εἰς

**Transliteration**

*eis*

**Pronunciation**

ās (Key)

**Part of Speech**

preposition

**Root Word (Etymology)**

A primary preposition

**Dictionary Aids**

**Vine's Expository Dictionary:** [View Entry](#)

**TDNT Reference:** 2:420,211

**KJV Translation Count — Total: 1,774x**

**The KJV translates Strong's G1519 in the following manner:** *into* (573x), *to* (281x), *unto* (207x), *for* (140x), *in* (138x), *on* (58x), *toward* (29x), *against* (26x), *miscellaneous* (322x).

# Which One?

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## Till or For

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# Both!

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**The way I live my life  
matters for now and at  
the day of judgment.**



# 1 Corinthians 8:13

Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

ESV

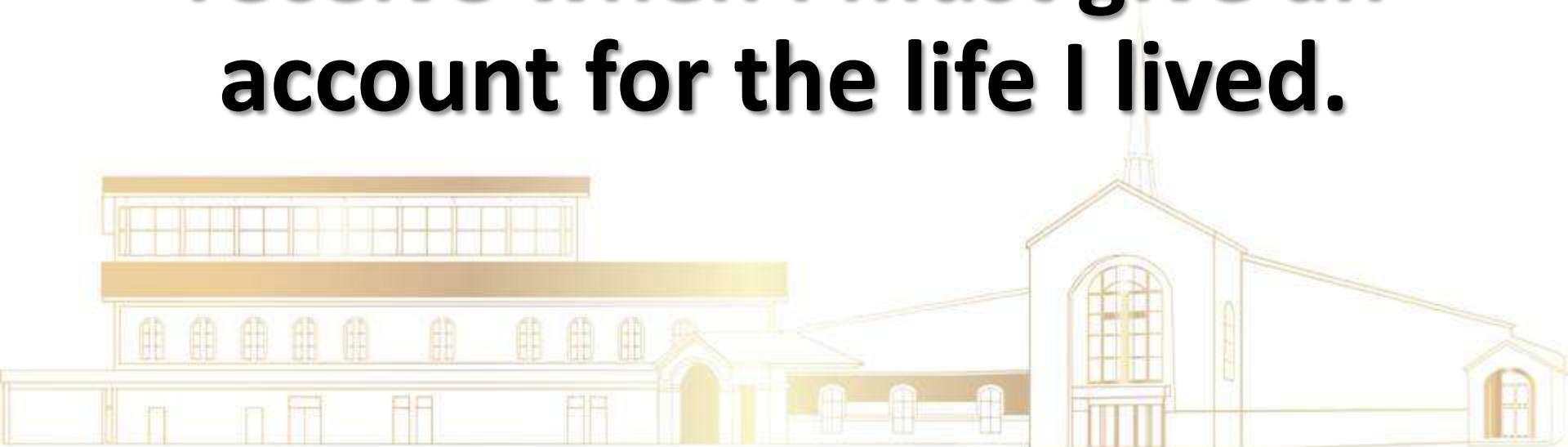
Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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**The purpose of developing a  
biblical worldview is to  
minimize the judgment I will  
receive when I must give an  
account for the life I lived.**



# 2 Corinthians 5:10

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

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# Matthew 12:36

But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

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# Paul prays

1. Love to abound
2. More knowledge and discernment
3. Approve what is excellent
4. Be ready for the day of Christ

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# Philippians 1:11 (ESV)

- **filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ,**

# Two Questions

What is the fruit of  
righteousness?

How does it come through  
Jesus Christ?

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# ‘Fruit’ Defined

1. A product of fertilization in a plant
2. a **product of plant growth**
3. the effect or consequence of an action or operation

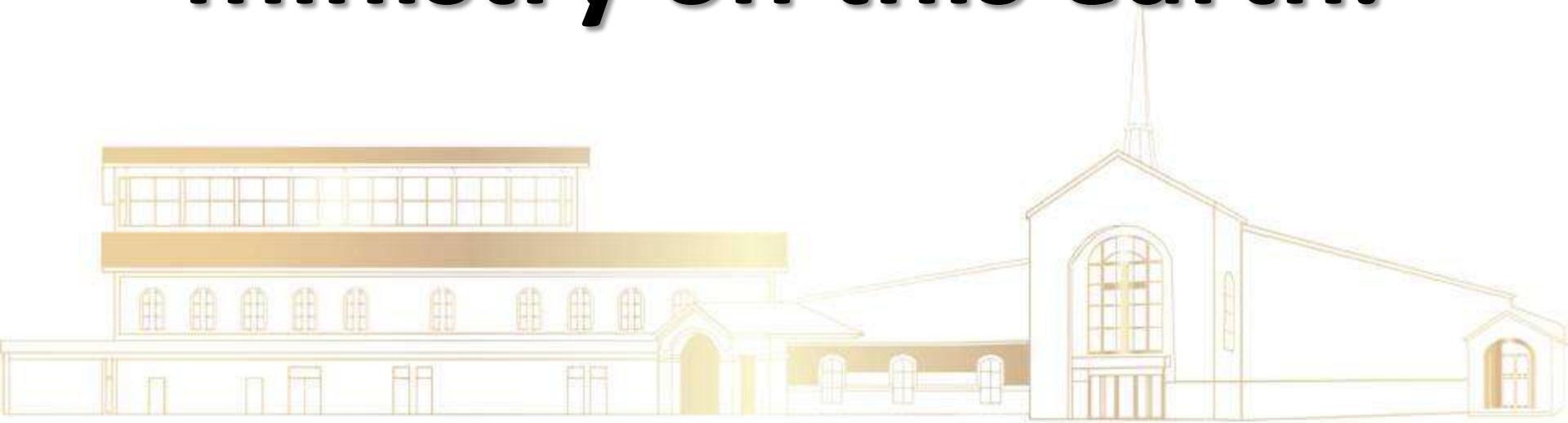
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**Jesus says much about  
fruit during his teaching  
ministry on this earth.**



## Matthew 7:15–19 (ESV)

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

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# Matthew 7

## Verse 20

Wherfore by their fruits ye shall know them.

**Does this apply to just the false teachers or everyone?**

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# Matthew 12:33-35

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.** <sup>34</sup> O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. <sup>35</sup> A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

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**I, personally, need to be  
concerned about  
bearing good fruit. This  
is my responsibility.**



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# Again Jesus teaches on bearing Fruit

## John 15

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**“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.**

**<sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.**

**What does it mean to abide in Christ?**

# Abide

- Believe in and continue to believe
- Submit to Christ's authority and revealed will for my life
- Yield to his ownership of my body, mind and soul
- Follow his commandments and strive to apply what he taught to my worldview
- Rely or lean upon Christ for my sustainment and strength

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**⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches.**

**Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is  
that bears much fruit, for apart from me  
you can do nothing.**

**⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a  
branch and withers; and the branches are gathered,  
thrown into the fire, and burned.**

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**Fruit is the product of  
Christ's righteous work  
in the life of the  
believer.**



# Degrees of Fruitfulness

- All true Christians bear some fruit
- Some Christians bears more fruit
- Fewer Christians bear much fruit

Mark 4:20

Describes some fruit, more fruit, and much fruit

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# Mark 4:20

But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

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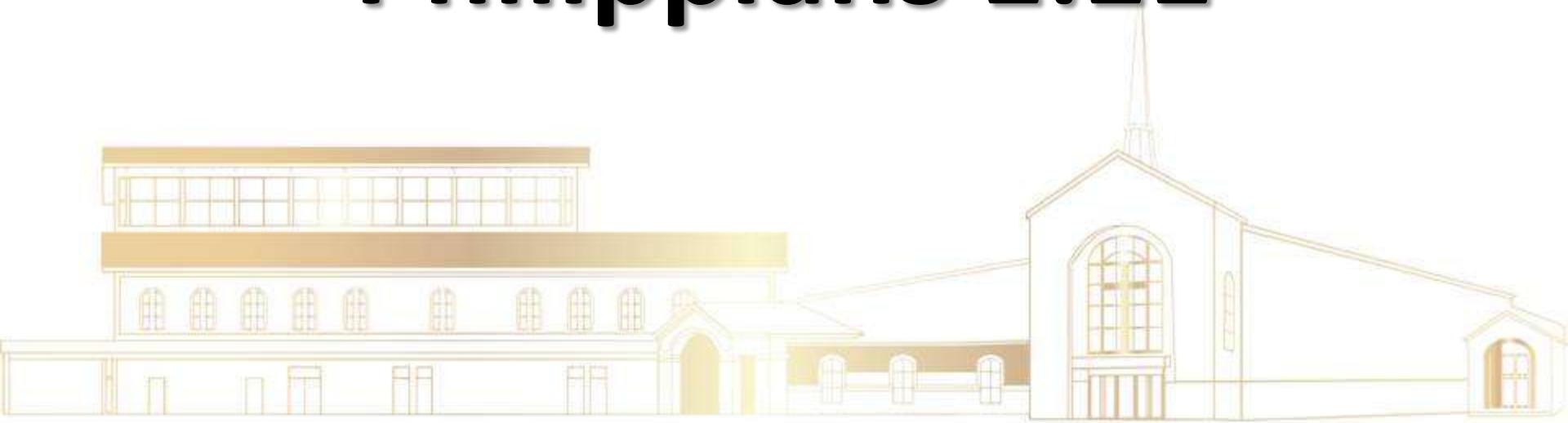
**8 By this my Father is glorified,  
that you bear much fruit and  
so prove to be my disciples.**

Notice Jesus doesn't say saved or born again.  
That is NOT the focus of the NT.

The focus on the NT goes beyond saved—the  
Apostles were committed to creating  
followers of Jesus Christ.

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**Hebrews 12:11 USES the  
same expression as  
Philippians 1:11**



# Hebrews 12:11 (AV)

Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable **fruit of righteousness** unto them which are exercised thereby.

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# Hebrews 12:11 (ESV)

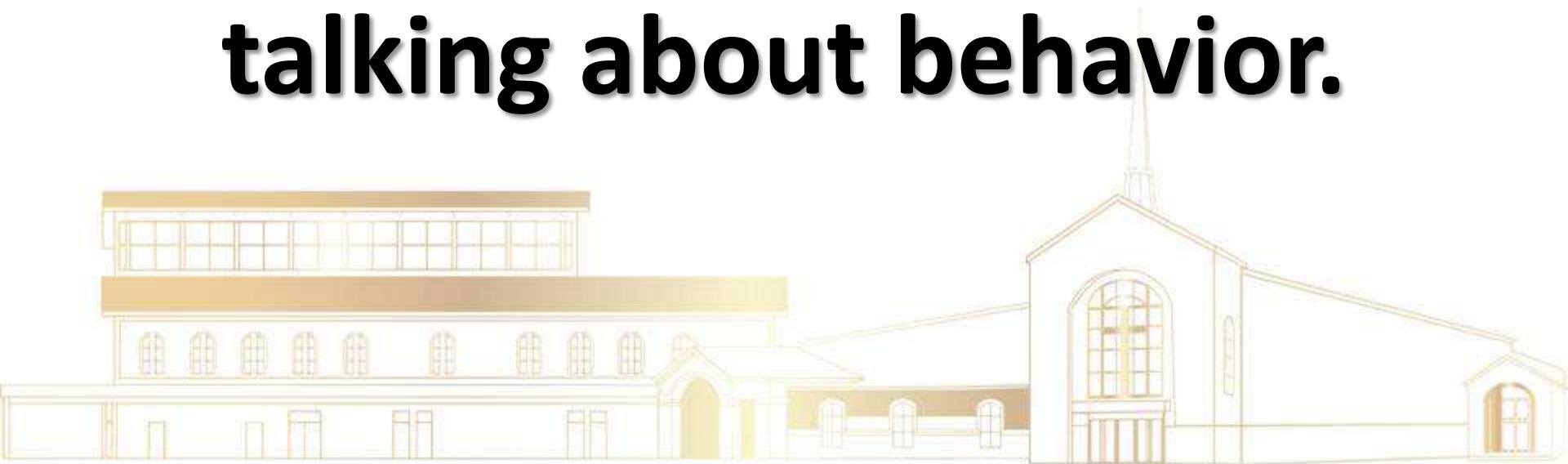
For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

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**If Paul is using the expression like the author of Hebrews then we are talking about behavior.**





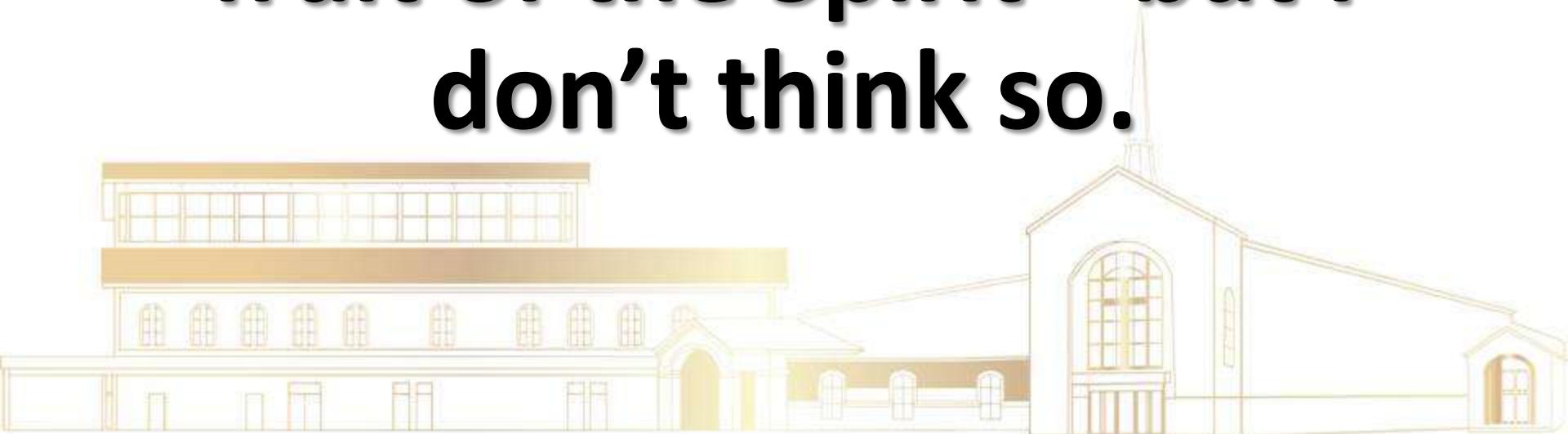
# Philippians 1:11 (ESV)

- **filled with the fruit of righteousness**

**What does Paul mean by fruit of righteousness?**

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**The fruit of righteousness  
could be as simple as  
another way of saying the  
fruit of the Spirit—but I  
don't think so.**



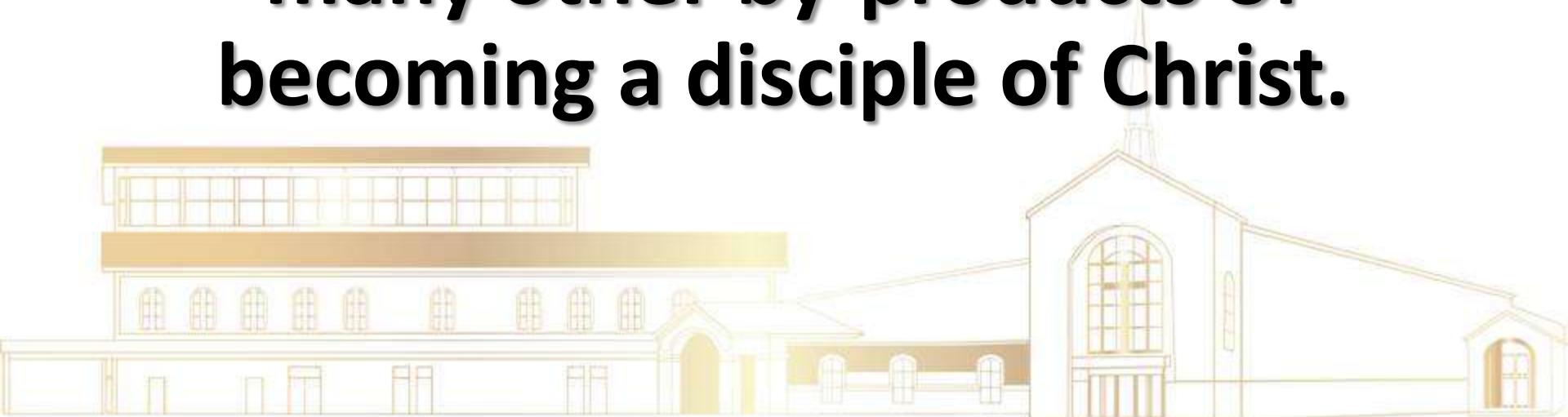


# Galatians 5:22–23 (NET)

- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
- Against such things there is no law.

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**I think fruit of righteousness includes the fruit of the Spirit but is NOT limited to just the fruit of the Spirit because Paul addresses many other by-products of becoming a disciple of Christ.**



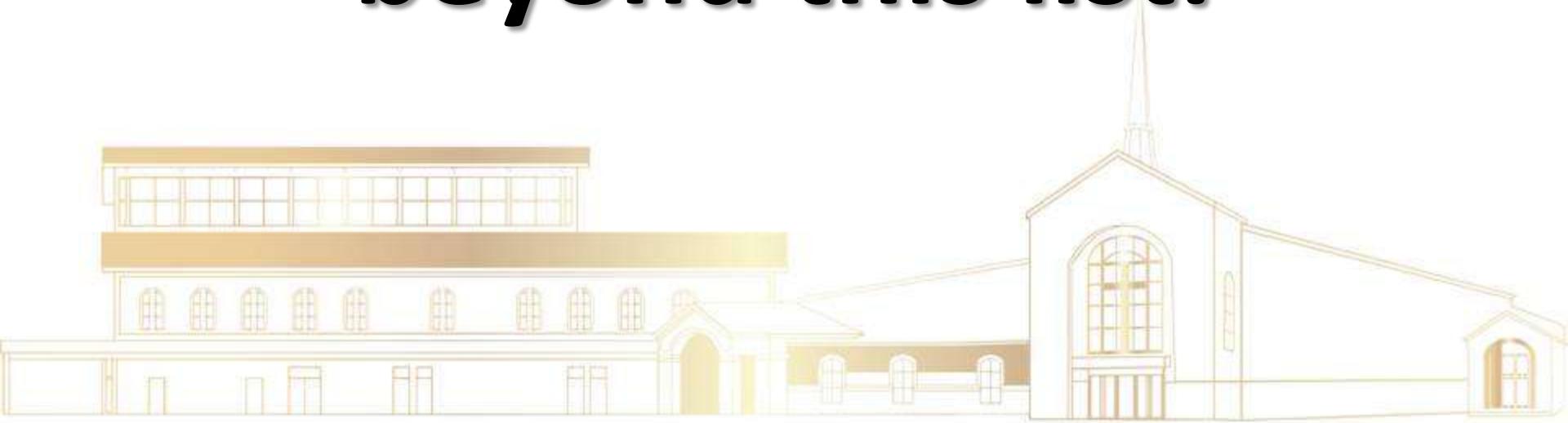
- love
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- faithfulness
- gentleness
- self-control



Is this the master list?

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**Paul address other  
important things  
beyond this list.**



# 1 Timothy 5:8

- But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

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**New Christian ‘A’ recognizes a lack of a work ethic present in their life and through the power of the Spirit begins to manifest the fruit of a work ethic.**



# Ephesians 4:28

Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

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# Fruit of Righteousness

- **Spirit of Generosity / absence of selfishness**
- **Work Ethic / absence of slothfulness**

# Ephesians 4:32

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted,  
**forgiving one another,**  
even as God for Christ's sake  
hath forgiven you.

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# Fruit of Righteousness

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- **Willingness to Forgive / absence of bitterness**

# Colossians 3:12 (ESV)

Put on then, as God's chosen  
ones, holy and beloved,  
compassionate hearts,  
kindness, **humility**,  
meekness, and patience,

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- **Willingness to Forgive / absence of bitterness**
- **Humility/ absence of pride**

# Romans 13:1

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

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Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

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- **Obedience to the Governing Authorities / absence of lawlessness**

# 2 Corinthians 13:7

Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates.

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But we pray to God that you may not do wrong—not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed.

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- **Integrity and honesty** / absence of dishonesty

# 1 Timothy 6:8

And having food and raiment  
let us be therewith content.

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# 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

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- **Sexual Purity /** absence of promiscuity