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- Find your gift, and bring it to the party.

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Every Fruit Enjoyed

Ephesians 4:15-16

But speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

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- Matthew 5:48 - "... be perfect..."

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Matthew 7:16-22

You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.

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**A changed life is the mark
of true faith.**

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**A lot more Christians today need
to be better fruit inspectors!**

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**What does the fruit hanging on
your tree say about you?**

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The carnal and careless gospeller is deceived also, placing all of his religion in the formal observation of outward service, for a mere verbal Christian is a real atheist.

CHARLES SPURGEON

Matthew 7:21-23

Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

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Titus 1:16

Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good.

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Galatians 6:7-9

Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

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- Psalm 1:1-3 – “Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”

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**If we are constantly needy, it's
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by rivers of living water or not.**

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- Galatians 6:9 - "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up."

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- Galatians 5:17 – “The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.”

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- Revelation 2:4 - "I have this against you, you have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen; repent and do the things you did at first."

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- Not performance!

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- Galatians 5:24 - "Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there."

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- John Trapp: "There are no barren trees in God's orchard - and yet, they may have their fits of barrenness, as apple trees are known to have; but they will flourish once again, and with advantage."

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