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THIRST

Thirst4: The Fruit of The Spirit



Recognition Game: What's the Sound?





Matthew 7:16-17 NIV

16 By their fruit you will recognise them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.



Galatians 5:22-23 ESV

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control**; against such things there is no law.



Let's think about the 9 attributes or characteristics of the Fruit of the Spirit...

What are they?
What are they all about?



Galatians 5:19-20 NLT

19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures,²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarrelling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,



Galatians 5:21 NLT

21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.



Galatians 5:16-17a NLT

16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants...



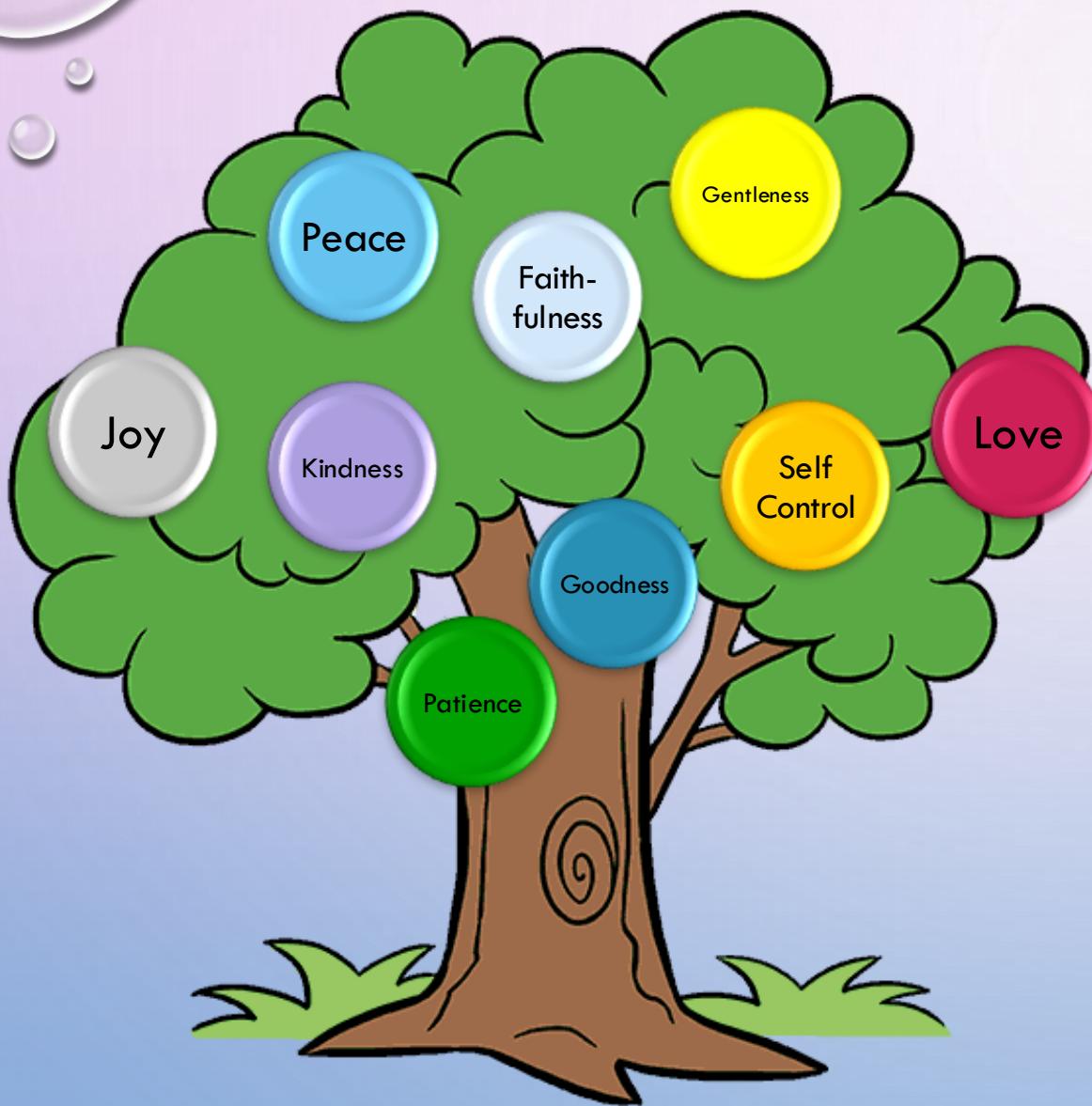
Galatians 5:17b NLT

17 ...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.

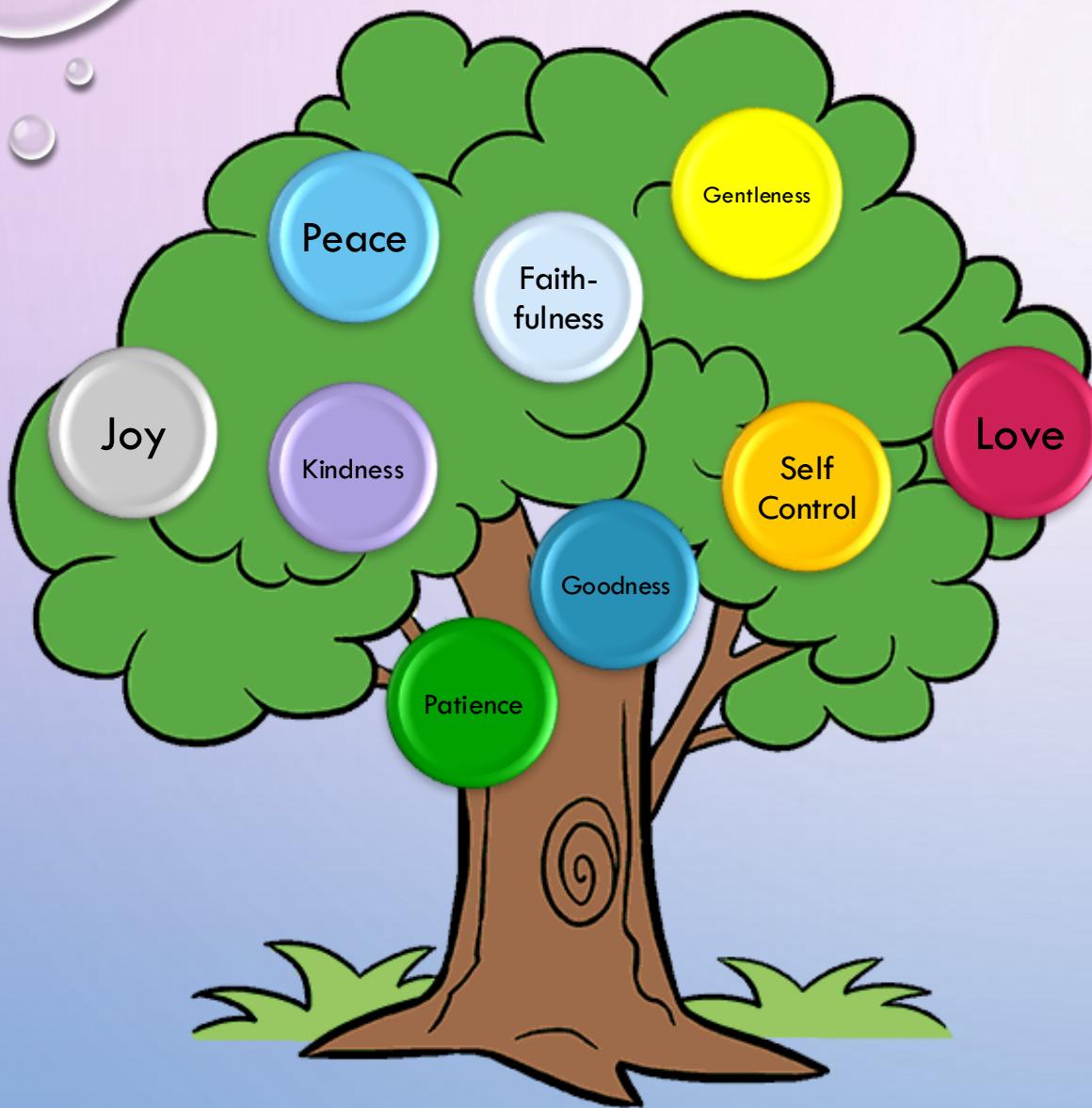


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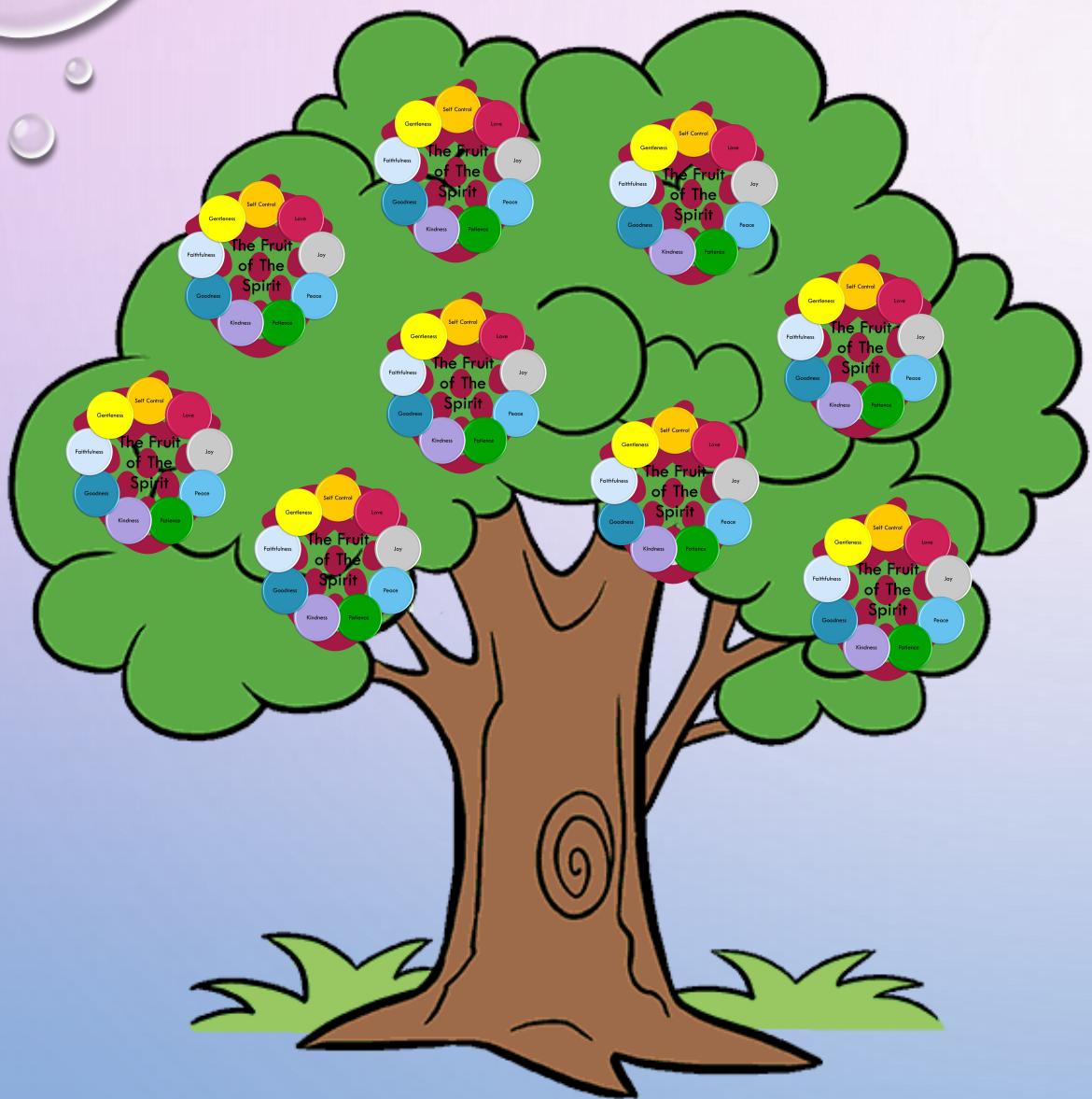


The Fruits of The Spirit



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The Fruit of The Spirit



Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!



John 15:1-8

- Who is the vine, who is the gardener and who are the branches?
- How does a branch bear fruit?
- What happens to a fruitless branch?
- What does bearing fruit show?

How Do We Develop the Fruit?

- Have you ever tried to develop the Fruit and failed?



How Do We Develop the Fruit?

- Stop working on your character to develop the Fruit in your life!



How Do We Develop the Fruit?

- Stop working on your character to develop the Fruit in your life!
- Instead, **work on your intimacy, your connection with God!**



The Fruit of the Spirit

- If the fruit of the Spirit is evident in my life, it **doesn't make me better than you, it makes me better than me!**



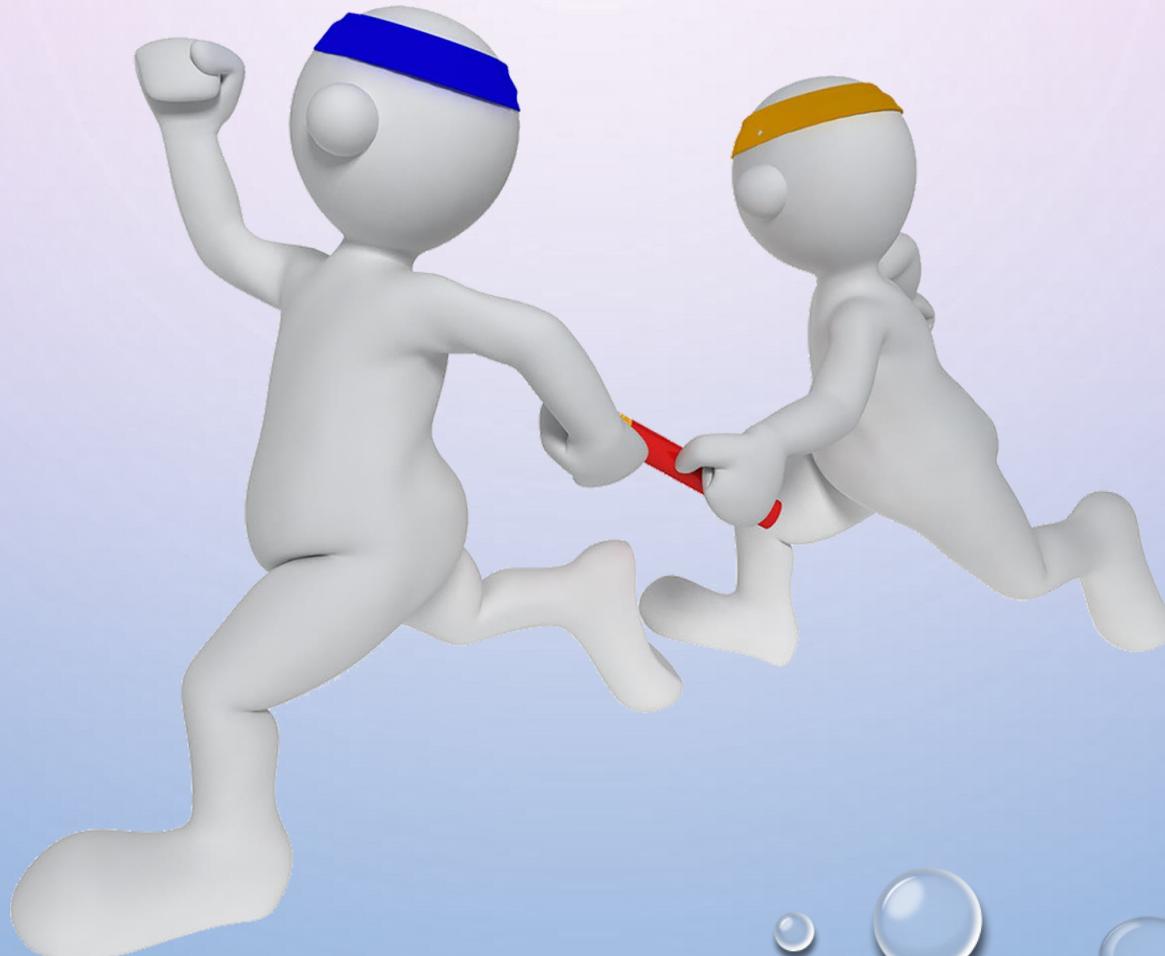
The Fruit of the Spirit

- If the fruit of the Spirit is evident in your life people around you are **fed by you**, if it isn't they will get **fed up with you!**





Time for a Relay Race!





How is the Fruit Developed Practically?

Team A

- Didn't look at the cup, they looked at everyone else because their cup was empty.



How is the Fruit Developed Practically?

Team B

- Didn't get distracted, their focus was on the cup because their cup was full.



How is the Fruit Developed Practically?

Team A

- Came first because they had nothing to protect.



How is the Fruit Developed Practically?

Team B

- Came last because it wasn't about coming first; it was all about not protecting and not spilling, not losing what they had.



When you have intimacy with God...

You walk in the Spirit; your priority is to make sure you don't lose what you've got...

- You treasure the Holy Spirit inside you, your relationship with God more than anything else
- You don't want to lose that intimacy with Him



Let's Seek God

- Think about your intimacy with God...
 - Are there any areas of your life that you haven't surrendered to Him? What steps can you take to develop intimacy with Him? Are there any branches in your life that are bearing bad fruit? Ask God to prune away these things.



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