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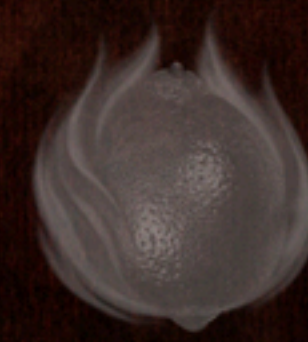
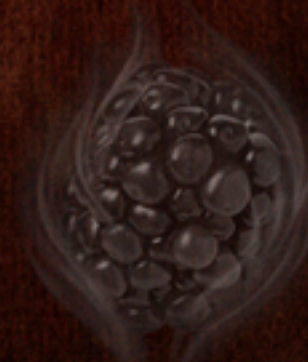
# SPIRITUAL FRUIT

## AND THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST





# FAITHFULNESS





## GALATIANS 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, **faithfulness**, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.





FAITHFUL = trustworthy + loyal





## HOSEA 6:3-4

<sup>3</sup> Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.”





## HOSEA 6:3-4

<sup>4</sup> “What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears.





Can God count on me?  
Can people count on me?





# The Barnabas Story...





ACTS 11:24a

<sup>24</sup> He [Barnabas] was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit  
and faith...





# The Barnabas Story...

Faithful to God in giving





## ACTS 4:36-37

<sup>36</sup> Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), <sup>37</sup> sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.





## LUKE 16:10-13 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?





## LUKE 16:10-13 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”





Money is not the point, but it is the test.





Money is not the point, but it is the test.

The point is our loyalty, and giving guides the way.





# The Barnabas Story...

Faithful to God in giving

Faithful to Paul in friendship





## ACTS 9:26-27

<sup>26</sup> When he [Saul] came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple.





## ACTS 9:26-27

<sup>27</sup> But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus.





## ACTS 11:25-26

<sup>25</sup> Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup> and when he found him, **he brought him to Antioch.** So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.





## ACTS 14:11-12

<sup>11</sup> When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, “The gods have come down to us in human form!” <sup>12</sup> Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because **he was the chief speaker.**





Faithful friends stand up for us.





Faithful friends stand up for us.

Faithful friends believe in us.





Faithful friends stand up for us.

Faithful friends believe in us.

Faithful friends invest in us.





Faithful friends stand up for us.

Faithful friends believe in us.

Faithful friends invest in us.

Faithful friends cheer for us.





Can God count on me?  
Can people count on me?





<sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit,  
let us keep in step with the Spirit.

**GALATIANS 5:25**





The God Story...  
that can become OUR story





## PSALM 146:6

<sup>6</sup> He is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them—  
he remains faithful forever.





## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:9

<sup>9</sup> **God is faithful**, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## HEWBREWS 3:6a

<sup>6</sup> **Christ is faithful** as the Son over God's house.





The DNA of faithfulness  
is the DNA of Jesus himself!





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