

S.A.F.E. Homes



**“For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”
Matthew 12:37**

Known By Your Fruit

There was a certain man who planted a fig tree in a vineyard. For three years he came out to the tree looking for fruit but there was none and so after the third year he ordered the garden keeper to chop it down. What was the point of having a fig tree that didn't produce figs? (Luke 13:6-7)

A tree is known by its fruit just the same as people are known by the words they say and the things they do. That is why we must be careful. A person who says that God is the most important thing in their life creates a moral obligation to make that relationship a priority above their own personal desires. This means we not only say we love God, but we are faithful to the things of God; faithful to church, faithful to read His Word and to pray.

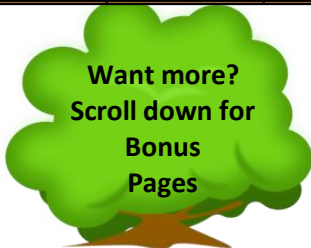
Christ-like behavior is an essential part of what it means to be a Christian. It's more than talking the talk. It's walking the walk! It means producing good spiritual fruit, but to do that our heart must be right. The Bible reminds us that what comes out of our mouth is already in our heart.

What kind of fruit are you producing?

Family Prayer: Lord, You know I'm not perfect, but please help me to live so that when people look at me, they can see that I'm living by Your Word and trying to please You. In Jesus' Name, amen!



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Fruit Salad

Have everyone memorize the Fruit of the Spirit with an edible activity. Purchase and wash nine different kinds of fruit. Designate each fruit as a particular Fruit of the Spirit as listed in Galatians 5:22-23. For example, oranges can mean love, strawberries can mean joy, bananas can mean peace and so on. Cut up and place the fruits individually in small bowls and label each bowl with its corresponding character trait. Have each person help dump the contents of each smaller bowl into one larger bowl. Mix all the fruits together, reminding everyone that all the Fruit of the Spirit should work together for the good of everyone. Serve the fruit salad on small plates to "share" with each other.

Let's talk!

When a person has good character, he keeps his word. Do you follow through when you promise to do something? Can people count on you to speak the truth?

Assemble a fruit basket. Wrap it and put a pretty bow on top. As a family, take it to an elderly member of your church or to someone who has been ill. Enjoy a short visit and pray with that person before leaving.

Looking



Outward



Additional Challenges

When Jesus encountered the Pharisees and Sadducees in the Bible, he often rebuked their hypocrisy. In your own words, explain what Jesus was saying in each of these passages:

Matthew 23:25-28

John 8:39-45

Here's another example of someone who didn't keep their word. What happened and why?

Acts 5:1-11

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Unscramble each of the clue words found in the devotional.

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