

Things That Matter

1: “Productive Produce in an Age
of Crop Failure”

II Corinthians 3:18

Matthew 7:16-20

“¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? ¹⁷ So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ So then, you will know them by their fruits.”

II Peter 1:4

“⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”

Genesis 1:28

“²⁸ God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

Genesis 1:27

“²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Colossians 3:10

“¹⁰ And have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him.”

Ephesians 4:23-24

“²³ ...And that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.”

Galatians 5:19-25

“¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 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. ²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.”

II Corinthians 3:18

“¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.”

Holiness	Forbearance
Humility	Contentment
Compassion	Thankfulness
Sincerity	Perseverance

Matthew 22:37-40

“³⁷ And He said to him, ‘ “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.” ³⁸ This is the great and foremost commandment. ³⁹ The second is like it, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.’”

I Corinthians 10:31

“³¹ Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”

Colossians 3:22

“²² Slaves, in all things obey those who are your masters on earth, not with external service, as those who merely please men, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord.”

I Peter 2:13

“¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority.”

Ephesians 5:21

“²¹ ...and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.”

II Corinthians 3:5

“⁵ Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God.”

Colossians 1:29

“²⁹ For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.”

Philippians 4:13

“¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”

Philippians 3:12-14

“¹² Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³ Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

I Timothy 4:7b

“⁷ On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness.”
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“⁷ Rather train yourself for godliness.”
(ESV)

Philippians 2:12-13

“¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”

Galatians 5:22-23

“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.”

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Hebrews 12:11

“¹¹ All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”