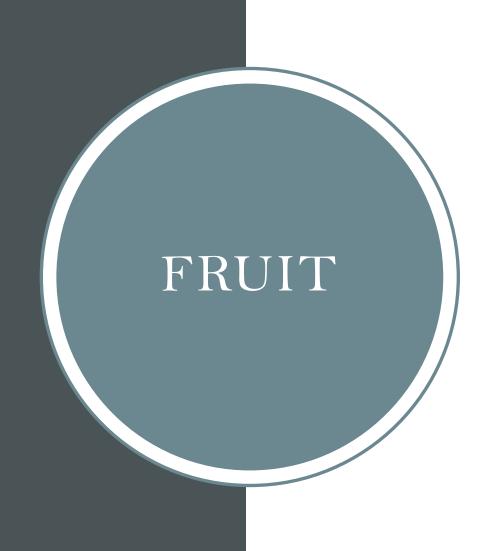


• **Pruning** – the Father's work of cutting away everything in us that prevents us from bearing fruit

- Remaining/Abiding staying connected to Jesus over time
 - Passive dimension resting in the already love of God
 - Active dimension responding to God's love through obedience



• The result/consequence of our mental, spiritual, or physical activity

- **Personal** result of the Spirit's work in our hearts to form our character
 - **Fruit of Spirit** love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, etc.

- **Ministry** result of the Spirit's work through us to love, serve, and bless others
 - **Gifts of the Spirit** prophecy, giving, mercy, hospitality, healing, etc.

ROTTEN FRUIT

• Rooted in sinful nature – areas of our lives where we continue to live separate from God

• Result is death – nothing good comes out of our sinful nature



ARTIFICIAL FRUIT

• Rooted in hypocrisy – our exterior and our interior are not congruent; wearing a mask

• Result is fake fruit — may look good from a distance but there is no Life in it



IMMATURE FRUIT

 Rooted in our own strength vs work of the Spirit – looks like behavior modification

• Rooted in Spirit's work, but we don't persevere — looks like initial burst of enthusiasm followed by quitting

