



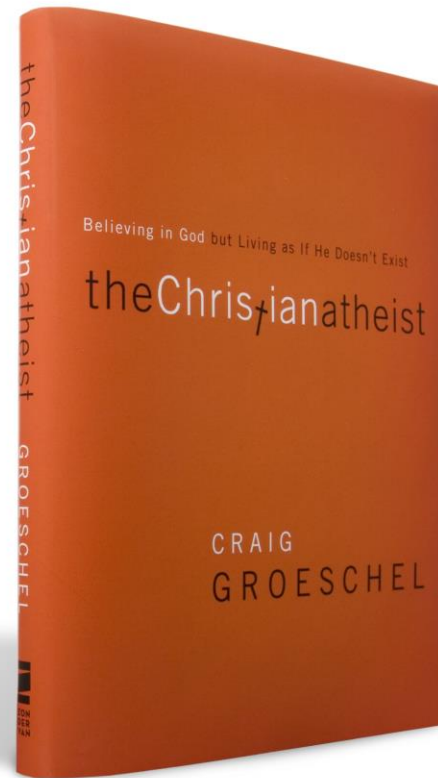
THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22-23

Romans 12:2

THE CHRISTIAN ATHEIST

- When you believe in God, but live as if He doesn't exist.



YOU WILL KNOW THEM “BY THEIR FRUITS”

- Matthew 7:15-20 (KJV)
- 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
- 16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
- 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
- 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
- 20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.



THE CHRISTIAN **JERK**

- When you have access to the fruit of the Spirit, but you choose to not to bear that fruit in your life.



JERK



GOOD FRUIT VS. WORKS OF THE FLESH

Galatians 5:22-23 HCSB

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

Galatians 5:19-21 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, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,
- 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.



CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD

- Romans 12:2
- I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



OVERVIEW OF WHAT WE HAVE COVERED

- Customer Service
- Road Rage
- Survival of the Fittest
- Anxiety



OVERVIEW OF WHAT WE WILL COVER

- Fast Food Culture
- Materialism
- Me Time



CONFORMITY 5: FAST FOOD CULTURE

- Restaurants used to only cater to travelers
- McDonalds opened in 1948 and others opened soon after
- Which fruits of the Spirit are we not taking advantage of?
- Which works of the flesh are we displaying?
- Antidote?



FAST FOOD

Psalm 27:14

Wait on the Lord: be
of good courage, and
he shall strengthen
thine heart: wait, I
say, on the Lord



FAST FOOD

James 1:19

Wherefore, my
beloved brethren, let
every man be swift to
hear, slow to speak,
slow to wrath



FAST FOOD

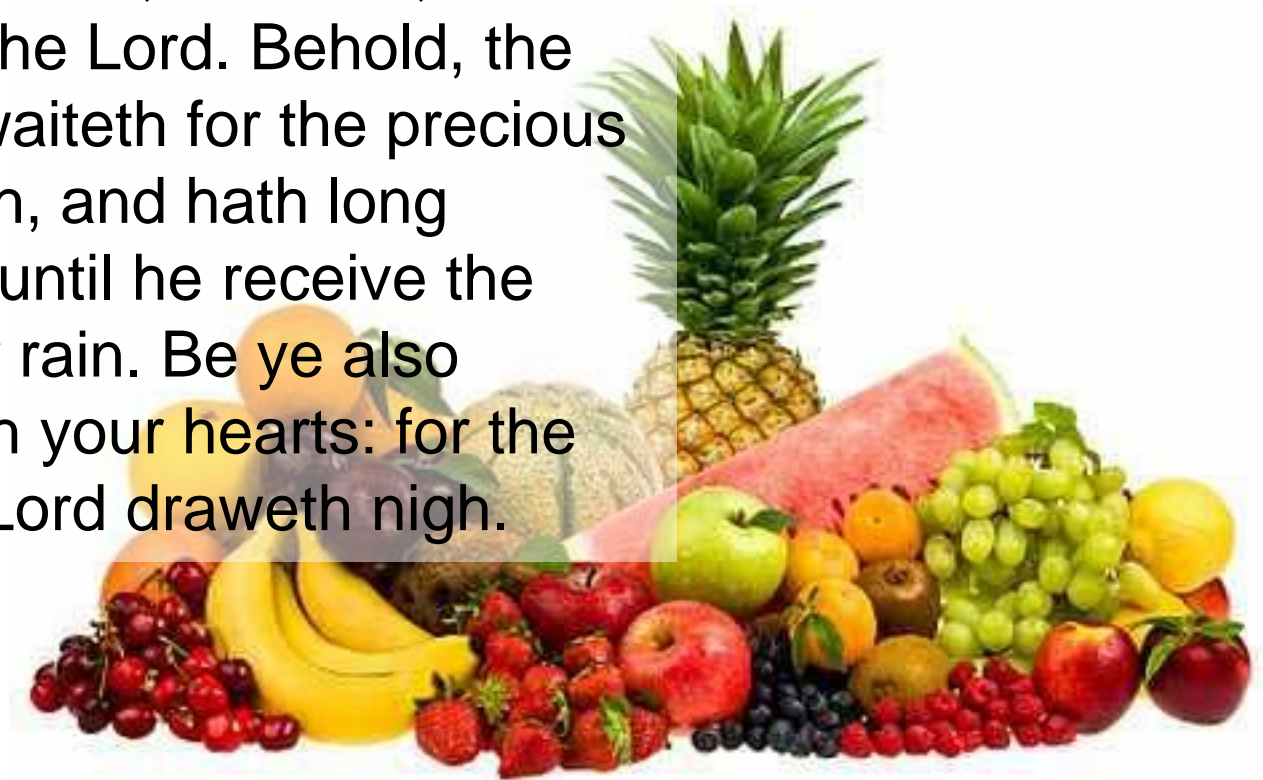
Proverbs 14:29 He
that is slow to wrath
is of great
understanding: but
he that is hasty of
spirit exalteth folly.



FAST FOOD

James 5: 7-8

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.



FAST FOOD

Psalm 37:7

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently
for him: fret not thyself because of
him who prospereth in his way,
because of the man who bringeth
wicked devices to pass.



FAST FOOD

Isaiah 40:31

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.



FAST FOOD

Acts 1:4

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.



CONFORMITY 6: MATERIALISM

- Excessively concerned with material possessions; money-oriented
- Black Friday
- Which fruits of the Spirit are we not taking advantage of?
- Which works of the flesh are we displaying?
- Antidote?



MATERIALISM

Matthew 6:19-21 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[a] destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also



MATERIALISM

Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.



MATERIALISM

Matthew 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?



MATERIALISM

Luke 12:33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth



MATERIALISM

Matthew 19:20-21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.



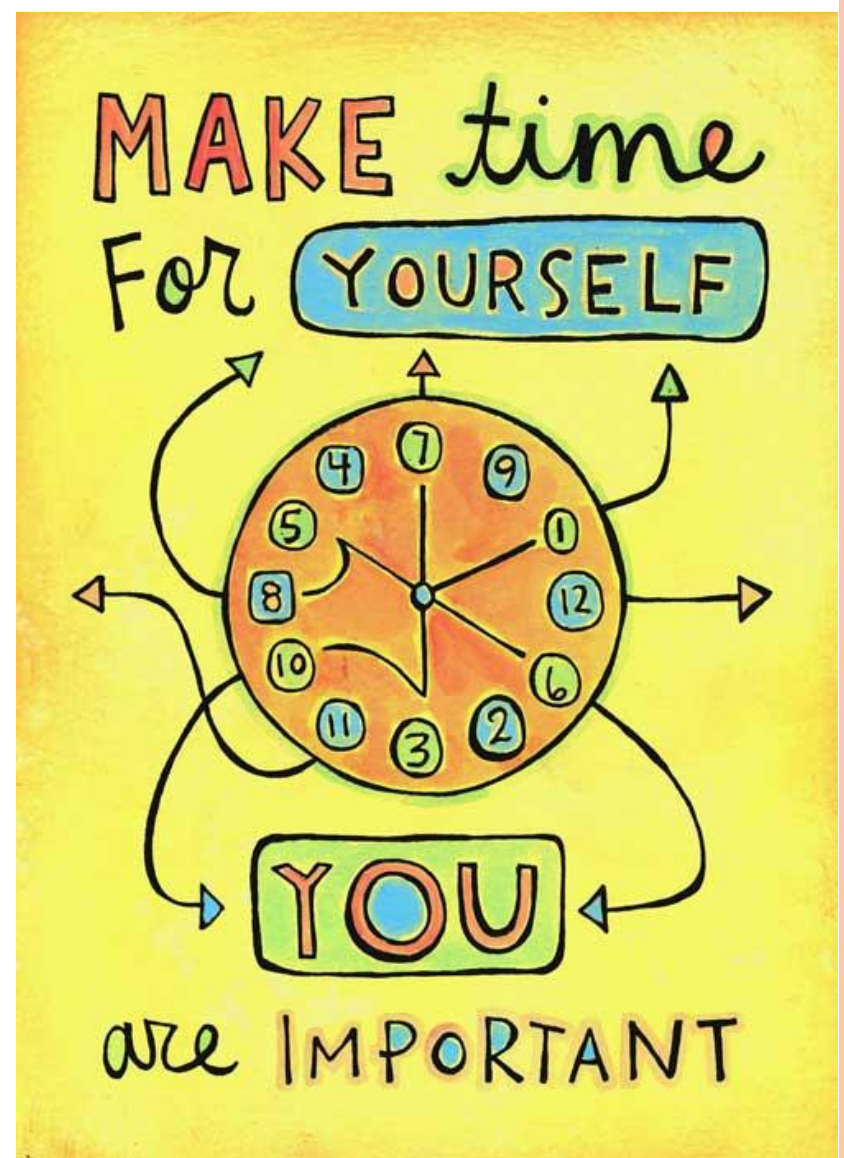
MATERIALISM

I Timothy 6:17-19 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.



CONFORMITY 7: ME TIME

- Technology/Social Media
- Which fruits of the Spirit are we not taking advantage of?
- Which works of the flesh are we displaying?
- Antidote?



ME TIME

Matthew 16: 24: Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.



ME TIME

Acts 20:24 Paul saying, “But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.”



ME TIME

Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.



ME TIME

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship



ME TIME

John 3:30 He must increase, but I must decrease



ME TIME

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me



ME TIME

Matthew 11:28 – 29 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls



ME TIME

Exodus 23:12 Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed



THE CHRISTIAN **JERK**

REST

- Exercising the fruits of the spirit

WORK

- Exercising the works of the flesh



IS IT BETTER FOR JESUS TO BE

BESIDE YOU

INSIDE YOU

- John 20: 27-29 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My LORD and my God. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.



CONCLUSION

- Access the fruits of the Spirit
- Do not be conformed to this world

