



# THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

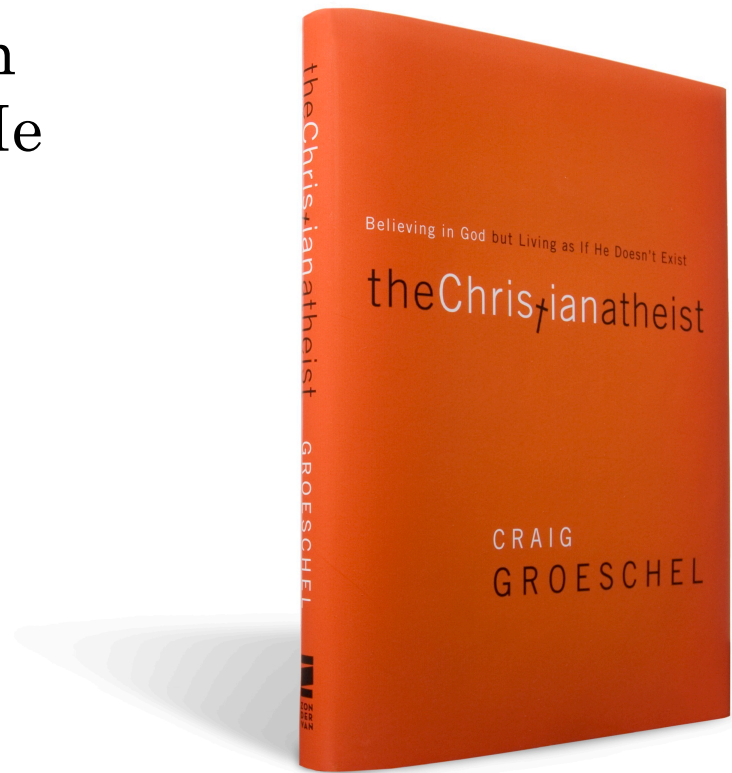
Galatians 5:22-23

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 KJV

- 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 WILL COVER

- Customer Service
- Road Rage
- Survival of the Fittest
- Materialism
- Fast Food Culture
- Me Time
- Anxiety





## CONFORMITY 1: CUSTOMER SERVICE

- Started with Industrial Revolution (early 1900s)
- Which fruits of the Spirit are we not taking advantage of?
- Which works of the flesh are we displaying?





## CUSTOMER SERVICE

Philippians 2:7

But made himself  
nothing, taking the  
form of a servant,  
being born in the  
likeness of men.





## CUSTOMER SERVICE

John 13:4-5

So he got up from the table,  
took off his robe, wrapped a  
towel around his waist, 5  
and poured water into a  
basin. Then he began to  
wash the disciples' feet,  
drying them with the towel  
he had around him.





## CUSTOMER SERVICE

Philippians 2:3  
Don't be selfish;  
don't try to impress  
others. Be humble,  
thinking of others  
as better than  
yourselves.





## CUSTOMER SERVICE

Ephesians 5: 21  
Submitting to one  
another out of  
reverence for  
Christ.



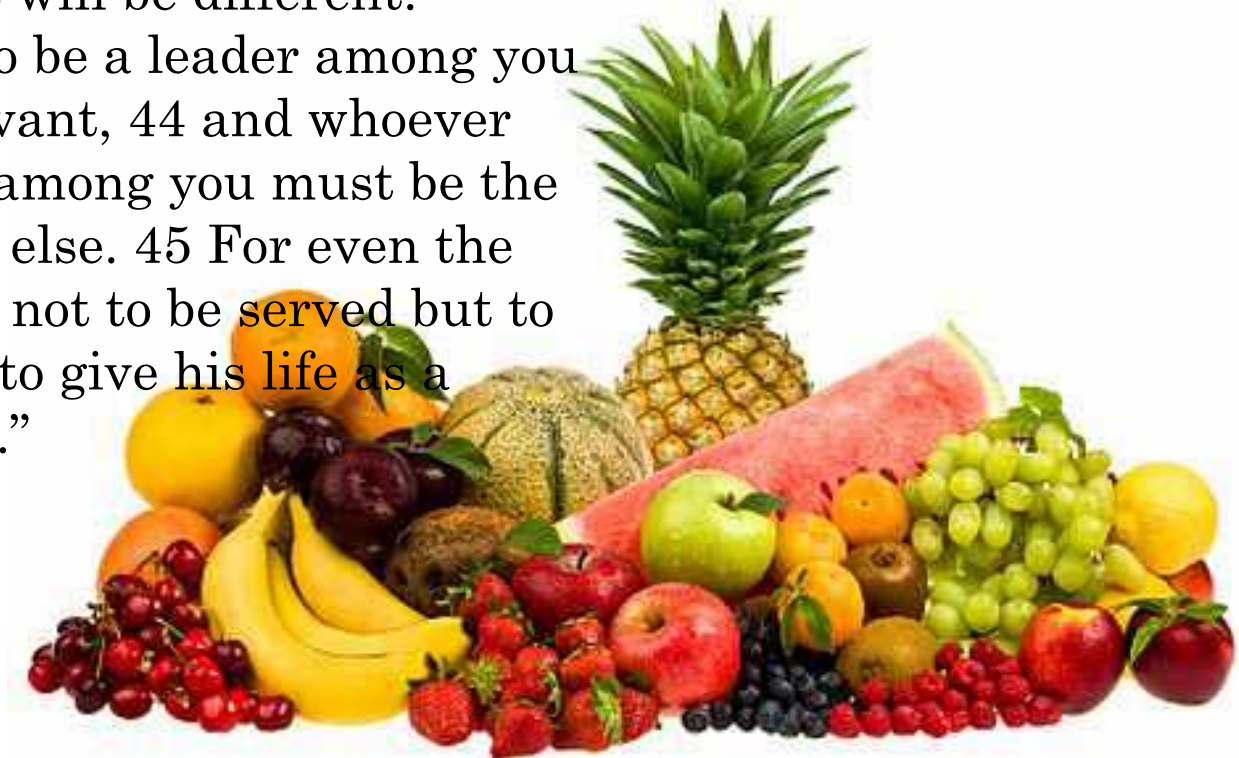


# CUSTOMER SERVICE

Mark 10:42 – 45

But among you it will be different.

Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”





## CONFORMITY 2: ROAD RAGE

- Termed in 1987
- Traffic congestion is the main contributor
- Considered a mental disorder now
- Which fruits of the Spirit are we not taking advantage of?
- Which works of the flesh are we displaying?





## ROAD RAGE

Matthew 5:38-39 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.





# ROAD RAGE

Luke 6:29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.





# ROAD RAGE

Matthew 5: And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ...





# ROAD RAGE

Roman 12:19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”





# ROAD RAGE

Romans 5: 3-5 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.





# CONFORMITY 3: SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

- Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" in 1864
- "The American Dream" coined by James Truslow Adams in 1931
- Which fruits of the Spirit are we not taking advantage of?
- Which works of the flesh are we displaying?





# SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

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.





# SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.





# SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Hebrews 11:25

Choosing rather to endure ill-treatment  
with the people of God than to enjoy the  
passing pleasures of sin





# SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Luke 9:23 And He was saying to them all,  
"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he  
must deny himself, and take up his cross  
daily and follow Me.





# SURIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."





# SURIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Philippians 3:7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.





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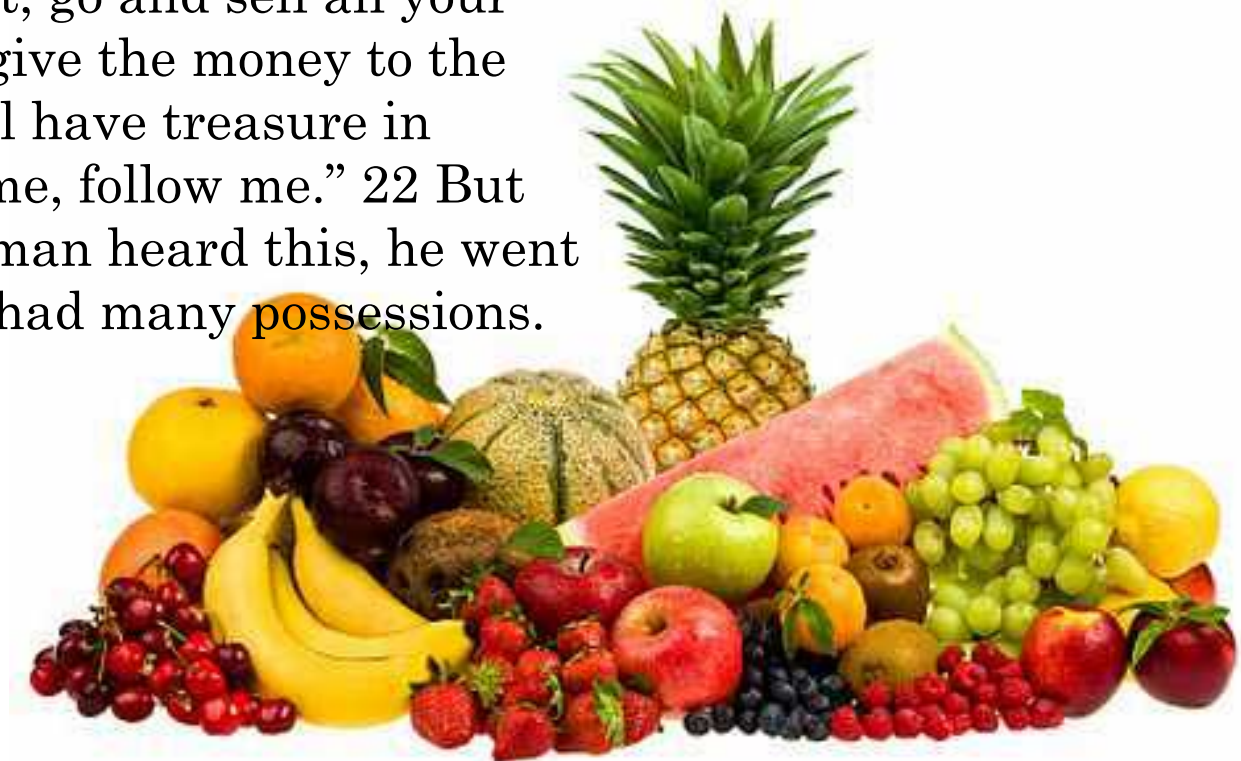
Matthew 5:29 "If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.





# SURIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Matthew 19:21 Jesus told him, “If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” 22 But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.





## CONFORMITY 4: ANXIETY

- Treatment started in early 1950s
- Became an official disorder in the 1980s
- Which fruits of the Spirit are we not taking advantage of?
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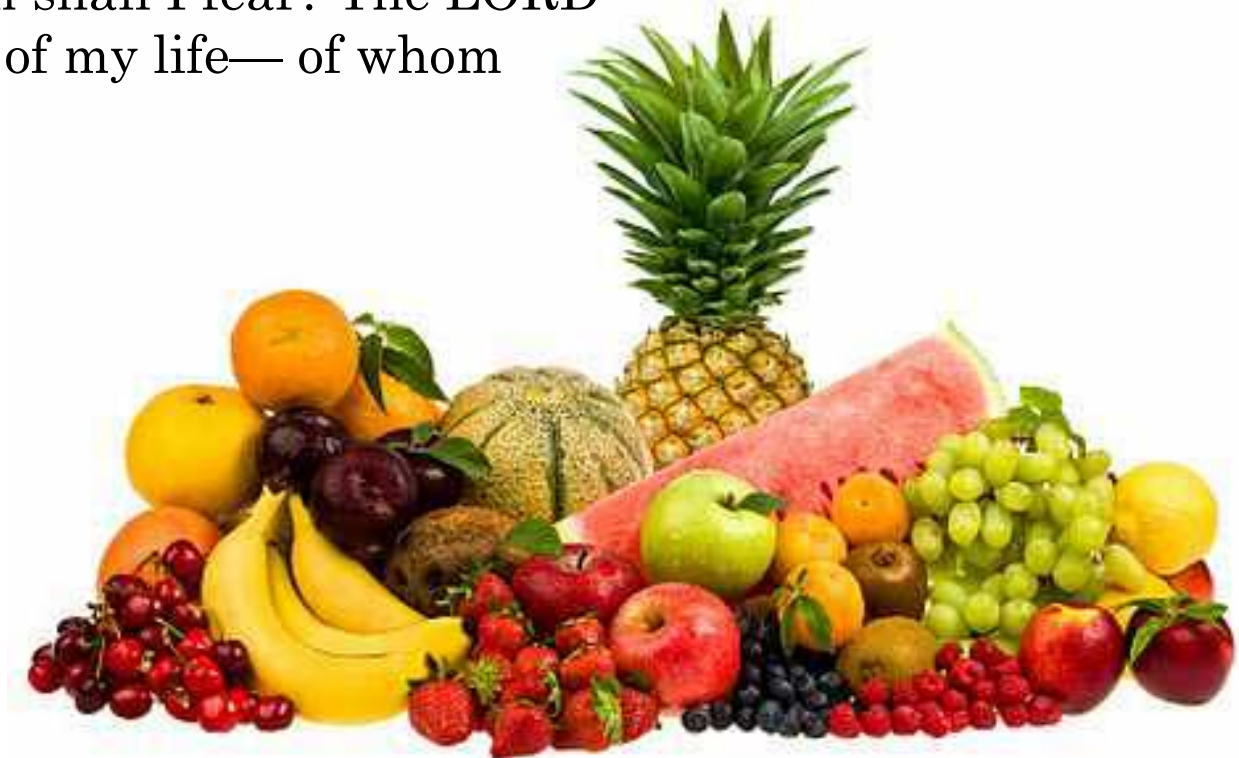
Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through  
the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for  
you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.





# ANXIETY

Psalm 27: 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?





# SURIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Psalm 118:6 The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?





# ANXIETY

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.





# ANXIETY

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake.





# ANXIETY

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous.





## CONCLUSION

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

