

*“But **I Am Like A Green Olive Tree** in the House of God: I trust in the Mercy of God for ever and ever.” **Psalms 52:8** KJV*



Although none may be visible, a green tree indicates the ability of its roots to gather an abundance of water. A green fruit tree bears abundant fruit in its season. The Psalmist likens himself to a green olive tree, because of his trust in God. David was not perfect by any stretch of the imagination, but God’s Word says, *“I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after Mine Own Heart.”* Why? Because, even though he sinned greatly, David always repented and sought God’s Mercy. God’s Word says, *“A just man falleth.”* So you can be sure that believers WILL sin! But the mark of any true believer is they WILL NOT continue in that sin, but will repent and return to obedience of God’s Word as is indicated in the rest of the verse; *“A just man falleth seven times (completely) and RISETH YET AGAIN!”* If something you do is sin and you know it and yet continue therein, you do not truly believe in God’s Mercy else you would repent: A hundred times a day if necessary, but you would still try to stop sinning! That is what true faith really is: Diligently seeking God! *“But without Faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please Him: for he that cometh to God MUST BELIEVE that He is, AND that He is a Rewarder of them that DILIGENTLY SEEK Him.”* Diligent seeking is repenting, returning to obedience of God’s Word, every time you are made aware of sin. Many avoid the reading and study of God’s Word, because they love their sin more than God and DO NOT want to be made aware of it! They usually rationalize the neglect of God’s Word by claiming they have no time, but will play, watch TV, or party for hours! They will spend their money on their vices but claim God’s Tithe is not their responsibility. Their words and deeds belie their true heart towards God! *“By their FRUITS ye shall know them. But the FRUIT (singular) of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance: against such there is no law.”* Just as a single apple has many attributes, red, sweet, seed bearing, crunchy, so does the FRUIT of the Spirit! Souls won to Christ are NOT the FRUIT of the believer; they are the FRUIT of the Word of God. God’s Word is the Seed born by the Spirit’s FRUIT. A believer’s FRUIT is the Holy Spirit working in them by the Word. *“Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth FRUIT, and that your FRUIT should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My Name, He may give it you.”* The FRUIT believers bear is the Blessed Light of Truth shining forth to others by word and deed!

Like vibrant bearing olive tree,  
We’re planted by the Water free,  
Our fruit will bring to earth the seed,  
That will the Living Water need. ~CGP

It is the *“FRUIT of the Spirit”* in you that will convince other of Truth, not you eloquence! *“The Gospel is the POWER of Salvation to everyone that believeth.”* It is God’s Word that convinces not yours. Those who deny, rebel, and neglect God’s Word will answer for their blasphemy against the Holy Spirit of Truth on Judgment Day! And they will know they deserve the consequences of their free choice for eternity!

*“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the Law of the LORD; and in His Law doth he MEDITATE (think) DAY AND NIGHT. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.” Psalms 1:1-3 KJV*