

**Seven  
Lessons  
from  
Matthew 7**



A vibrant collage of various fruits and candy wrappers. The fruits include several red and pinkish-red apples, several bright orange oranges, and a single yellow banana. Interspersed among the fruits are several candy wrappers: a red Reese's Peanut Butter Cup wrapper on the left, a red Twix wrapper at the top right, and another red Twix wrapper at the bottom center. The background is a solid blue color. In the center, there is a yellow rectangular box with a red border containing the text "Good Fruit?".

**Good Fruit?**

## Matthew 7:15-20

**15** “Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. **16** You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? **17** A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit.

## Matthew 7:15-20

**18** A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. **19** So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. **20** Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.

## Matthew 24:24

For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones

## 2 Peter 2:1-3

But there were also false prophets in Israel, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. In this way, they will bring sudden destruction on themselves. **2** Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered.

## 2 Peter 2:1-3

**3** In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed.

## 1 Peter 5:2-4

**2** Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. **3** Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example. **4** And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor.



## 1 Timothy 6:3, 4

**3** Some people may contradict our teaching, but these are the wholesome teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. These teachings promote a godly life. **4** Anyone who teaches something different is arrogant and lacks understanding...

# Good Fruits of Godly Teachers

- Sound doctrine. (1 Timothy 6:3,4)
- Practices sharing and living the gospel. (Matt. 28:19)
- Cares greatly about the welfare of others (Jer. 29:7)
- Seeks to bring back the backslider. (James 5:20)
- Practices genuine love. (John 13:35)
- Uses their gifts to serve others. (Rom. 12:4-8)
- Displays the fruit of the Spirit. (Gal. 5:22, 23)



**Do You Want  
Good Fruit?**

A man with long hair and a beard, wearing a white robe, stands with his hands outstretched in a gesture of offering or acceptance. To his right, another hand reaches out towards his hands. The background is a soft, hazy light, suggesting an outdoor setting. The overall mood is one of hope and faith.

**Come to Jesus  
by Faith.**