

Ripe for the Picking



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Prophetic theme for our season...

Encouragement –

God is faithful



He is the giver of good fruit!
Let's chat...



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2 Corinthians 5:7 For we live by faith, not by sight.

1. Losing heart?

Who has ever lost heart?

Remember → **2 Corinthians 4:16** 'Therefore we do not lose heart...' Lost hope?



Old favorite and accurate verse:

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing [*promise*] fulfilled is a tree of life.

Proverbs 13:12 (MSG) Unrelenting disappointment leaves you heartsick, but a sudden good break can turn life around.

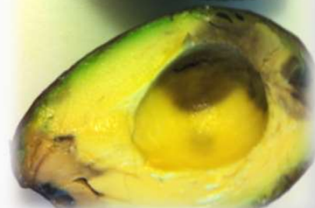
2. Ripe for the picking?

GOD IS FAITHFUL I TRUST HIS CHARACTER

2.1 Example:



Ripe and ready



Ripe or not?

2.2 What is this 'fruit'?

Ripe and ready fruit that satisfy and gives life –



1. When? God's Kingdom come –

'God's Kingdom come, God's will be done' **Matthew 6:10**

2. When? Walk by the Spirit and not the flesh

I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. **Galatians 5:16**

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
Galatians 5:25



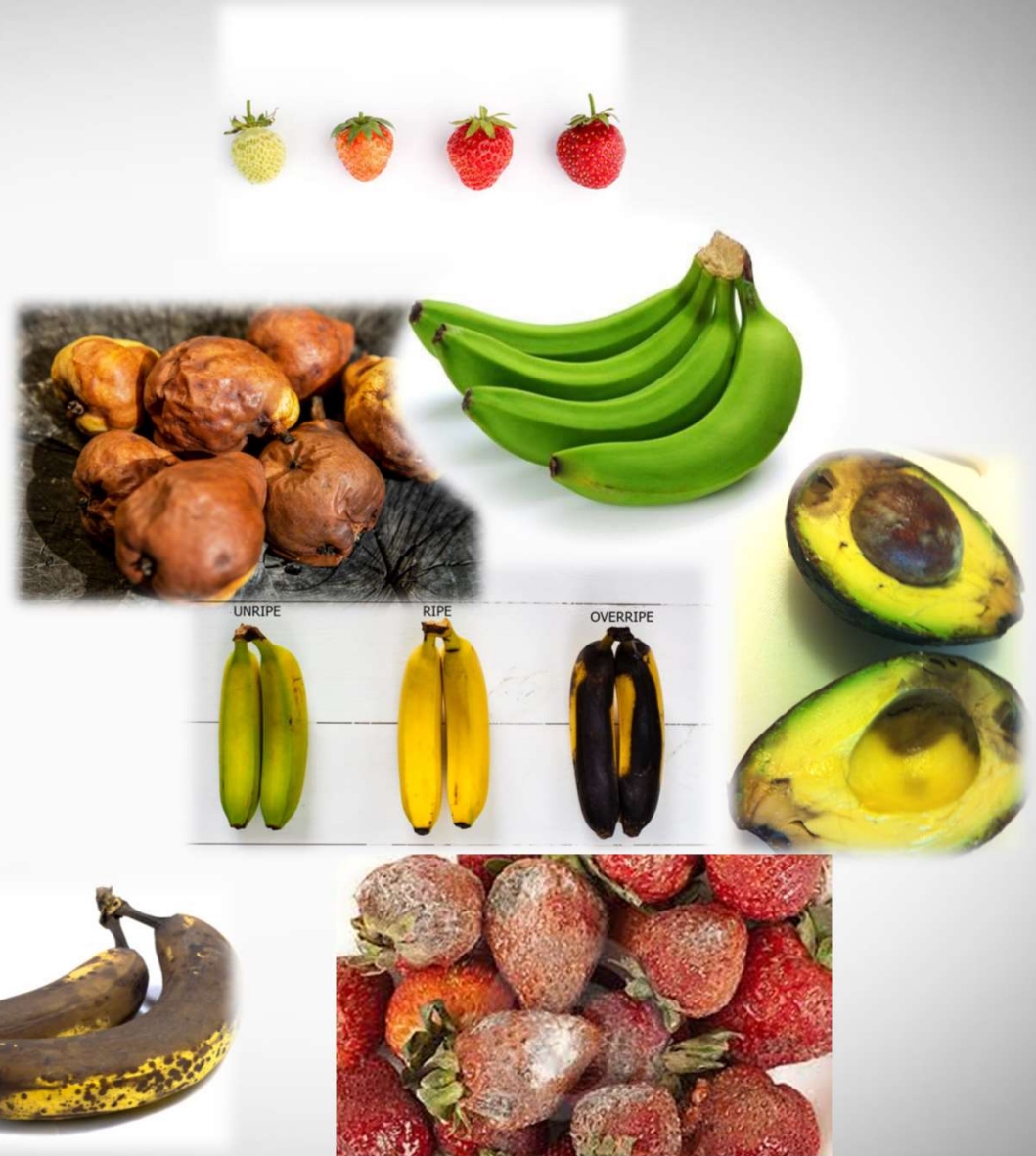
3. When? He fulfills a promise

Ezekiel 12:28 “Therefore say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: None of my words will be delayed any longer; whatever I say will be fulfilled, declares the Sovereign Lord.’”

God’s will in a moment is like enjoying a ripe fruit | LIFE

2.3 The Opposite is...

- ✓ Timing out
- ✓ Green, hard, no use
- ✓ Not fruit for me
- ✓ Over ripe and off
- ✓ Not obedient



3. Live by the Ripe and Ready:

God's timing, God's fruit, God's blessing:



3.1 Know the Seasons:

Ecclesiastes 3:1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens...

2 Peter 3:9 ESV The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

Seasons

3.2 God's Timing:



Jeremiah 29:11-12 “ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.”

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Timing

3.3 Walk in intimacy with Him:

Relationship

– answer to ripe and ready fruit of life
that will satisfy and bless our hearts!

And walk with others in His body.





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See you next week

