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Ephesians 5:1-10

The word translated "fruit" in Ephesians 5:9 (*karpos*) means "that which originates or comes from something, an effect, or result" (*Strong's Concordance*). It can have both a literal and a figurative meaning. It can refer to the fruit of tree, vines, field, flocks and herds, even children. It can also be used to refer to the "fruit," or final result of, sin, which is death (Romans 7:5) or "the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:11). This is the "fruit of light" seen in those who formerly lived in spiritual darkness but now are "children of light" in the Lord.

This light manifests itself in "goodness, righteousness and truth." "Goodness" relates to the quality of relationships the believer is to have with others. "Righteousness" relates to the quality of our relationships in the sight of God. And "truth" relates to the Christlike characteristic that opposes the deception and darkness of sin (John 1:14). It is to this that Christ has called us to be "the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14).

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