

A photograph of a tree with several red and orange fruits hanging from its branches. The tree is set against a light, overcast sky. A large, semi-transparent teal circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, partially covering the tree's canopy. The text 'BY THEIR FRUITS' is written in a large, white, serif font across the center of the teal circle.

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Matthew 7:18 “A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”



James 1:18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.



SWIFT TO HEAR

James 1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

Mark 4:23 “If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”²⁴ Then He said to them, “Take heed what you hear...”



SLOW TO SPEAK

James 1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

Proverbs 10:19 In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise.



SLOW TO SPEAK

Proverbs 17:27 He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding is of a calm spirit.

Ecclesiastes 5:3 For a dream comes through much activity, and a fool's voice is known by his many words.



SLOW TO WRATH

James 1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Ephesians 4:26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath,

Proverbs 29:22 An angry man stirs up strife, and a furious man abounds in transgression.



SLOW TO WRATH

Proverbs 16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

Ecclesiastes 7:9 Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, for anger rests in the bosom of fools.

Proverbs 15:1 A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

