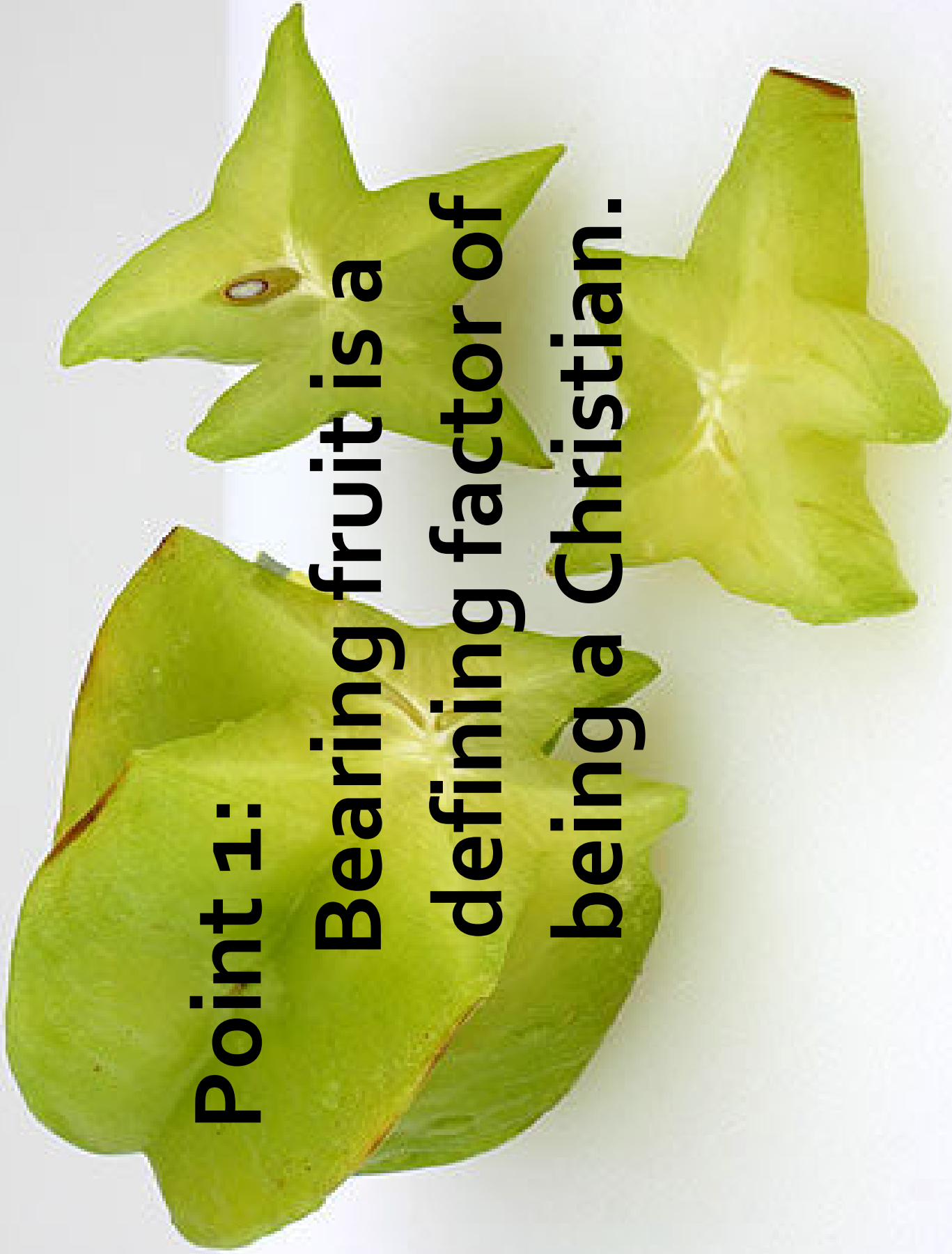


Point 1:

**Bearing fruit is a
defining factor of
being a Christian.**



How can we bear fruit?

1. Bearing fruit is a defining factor of being a Christian.

*The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. **They will still bear fruit in old age**, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."*

Psalm 92: 12-15

How can we bear fruit?

1. Bearing fruit is a defining factor of being a Christian.



How can we bear fruit?

1. Bearing fruit is a defining factor of being a Christian.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit.

John 15:1 & 2

How can we bear fruit?

1. Bearing fruit is a defining factor of being a Christian.

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit.

Col 1:8

Point 2:

**But what is this fruit
we are to bear?**



How can we bear fruit?

2. But what is this fruit we are to bear?

- Giving, of our time, money and energy.

*Not that I seek the gift, but I seek **the fruit** that abounds to your account.*

Philippians 4:17 (NKJV).

How can we bear fruit?

2. But what is this fruit we are to bear?

- Giving, of our time, money and energy.

**“You can give without loving,
but you can never love without giving.”**

How can we bear fruit?

2. But what is this fruit we are to bear?

- Giving, of our time, money and energy.

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work.

Col 1:10

How can we bear fruit?

2. But what is this fruit we are to bear?

- Giving, of our time, money and energy.
- Sharing our faith with others.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you...in order that I might have a harvest [or "fruit"] among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

Romans 1:13

How can we bear fruit?

2. But what is this fruit we are to bear?

- Giving, of our time, money and energy.
- Sharing our faith with others
- Being thankful in all we do

*Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – **the fruit of lips** that confess his name.*

Hebrews 13:15

How can we bear fruit?

2. But what is this fruit we are to bear?

- Giving, of our time, money and energy.
- Sharing our faith with others
- Being thankful in all we do
- The fruit of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Gal 5: 22-23

Point 3:

How can I bear fruit?



How can we bear fruit?

3. How can I bear fruit?

(i) Remain in Christ

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

John 15:4

How can we bear fruit?

3. How can I bear fruit?

(i) Remain in Christ

*So then, just as you received
Christ Jesus as Lord,
continue to live in him,
rooted and built up in him,
strengthened in the faith as
you were taught...*

Col 2:6 & 7



How can we bear fruit?

3. How can I bear fruit?

(i) Remain in Christ

"It is His presence in our lives that drives our desire to be more like Christ and the more we are like Christ the more fruit we are going to bear."

Greg Carr

How can we bear fruit?

3. How can I bear fruit?

- (i) Remain in Christ
- (ii) Do not be influenced by the world

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

How can we bear fruit?

3. How can I bear fruit?

- (i) Remain in Christ
- (ii) Do not be influenced by the world



Alice Bailey's Ten-Point Plan

1. Remove any reference to God in our schools.
2. Break up traditional Jewish/Christian understanding of family.
3. Free us of any restrictions on sex.
4. Promote the value of any form of sex.
5. Ensure that abortion is freely available on demand.
6. Promote the free availability of divorce.
7. Diffuse Christian uniqueness by encouraging inter-faith dialogue.
8. Gain prominent positions in the media to spread the message.
9. Influence art in all its forms: music, painting and literature to ensure these ideas are considered progressive and acceptable.
10. Get the church to endorse every one of these nine strategies.

How can we bear fruit?

3. How can I bear fruit?

- (i) Remain in Christ
- (ii) Do not be influenced by the world

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.

Col 2:8

How can we bear fruit?

3. How can I bear fruit?

- (i) Remain in Christ
- (ii) Do not be influenced by the world

The Parable of the Sower says...

*The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But ...when **trouble** or **persecution** comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.*

= NO FRUIT

How can we bear fruit?

3. How can I bear fruit?

- (i) Remain in Christ
- (ii) Do not be influenced by the world

The Parable of the Sower also says...

*The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but **the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth** choke it, making it unfruitful.*

= NO FRUIT

How can we bear fruit?

3. How can I bear fruit?

- (i) Remain in Christ
- (ii) Do not be influenced by the world

The Parable of the Sower then says...

*the one who received the seed that fell on **good soil** is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.*

= MUCH FRUIT

How can we bear fruit?

3. How can I bear fruit?

- (i) Remain in Christ
- (ii) Do not be influenced by the world
- (iii) Allow God to shape and change you from within

*Make a tree good and its **fruit** will be good, or make a tree bad and its **fruit** will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its **fruit**... The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.*

Matthew 12:33 & 35

How can we bear fruit?

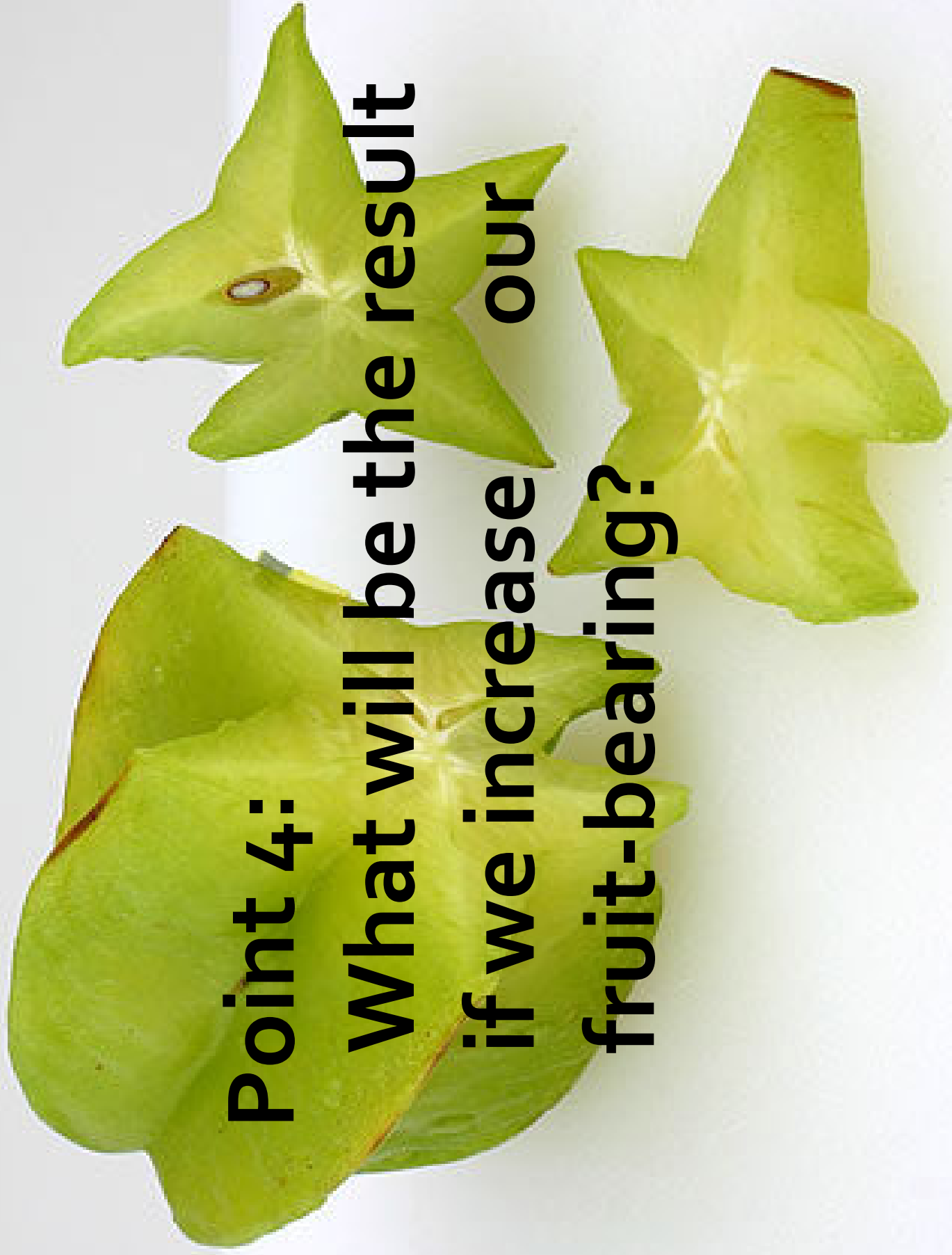
3. How can I bear fruit?

- (i) Remain in Christ
- (ii) Do not be influenced by the world
- (iii) Allow God to shape and change you from within

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, **we have not stopped praying for you** and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And **we pray this** in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way.*

Col 1:9 & 10

**Point 4:
What will be the result
if we increase our
fruit-bearing?**

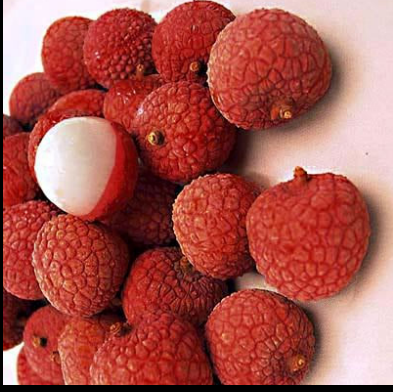
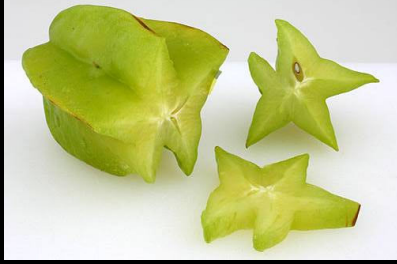


How can we bear fruit?

4. What will be the result if we increase our fruit-bearing?

...that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the **knowledge of God**, being **strengthened** with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great **endurance and patience**, and **joyfully giving thanks** to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Col 1:10-12



**Remain in Christ
Do not be influenced by the world
Allow God to shape and change you from within
Be fruitful Christians!**

