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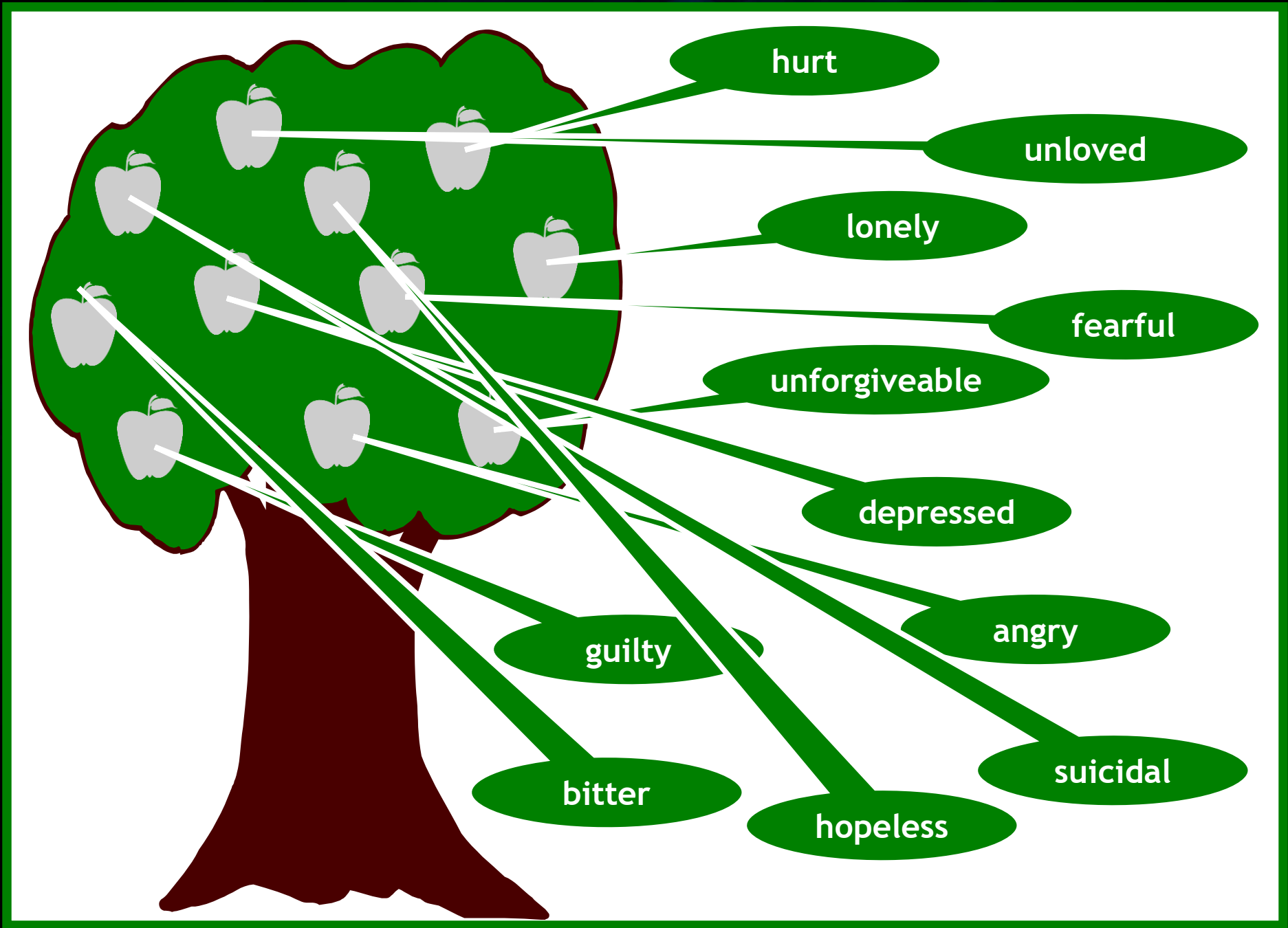
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***Thus saith the Lord, “Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me, that I am the Lord exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth.”***

***Jeremiah 9:23-24***

***Be ye therefore  
followers of God,  
as dear children.***

***Ephesians 5:1***



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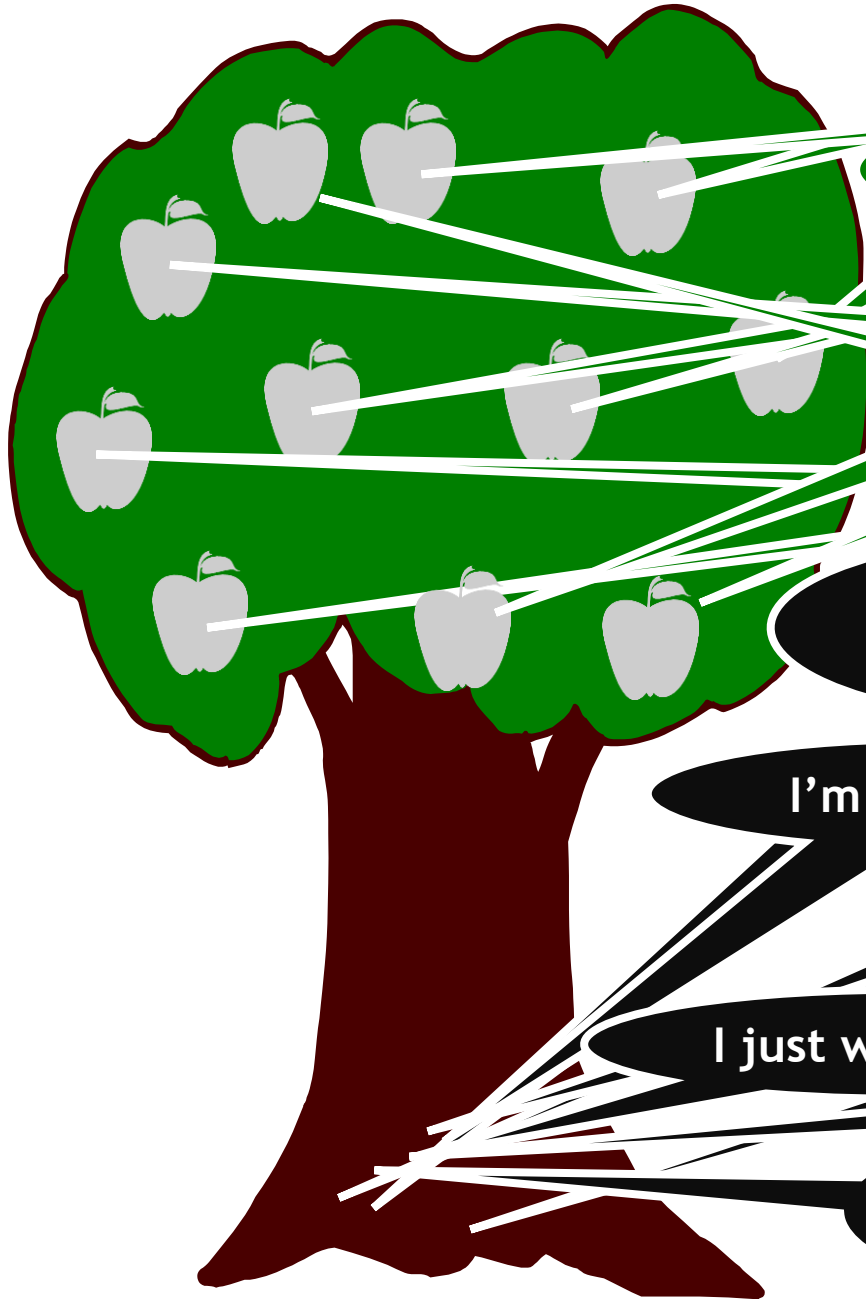
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God would never forgive me

God doesn't love me

I'm all alone

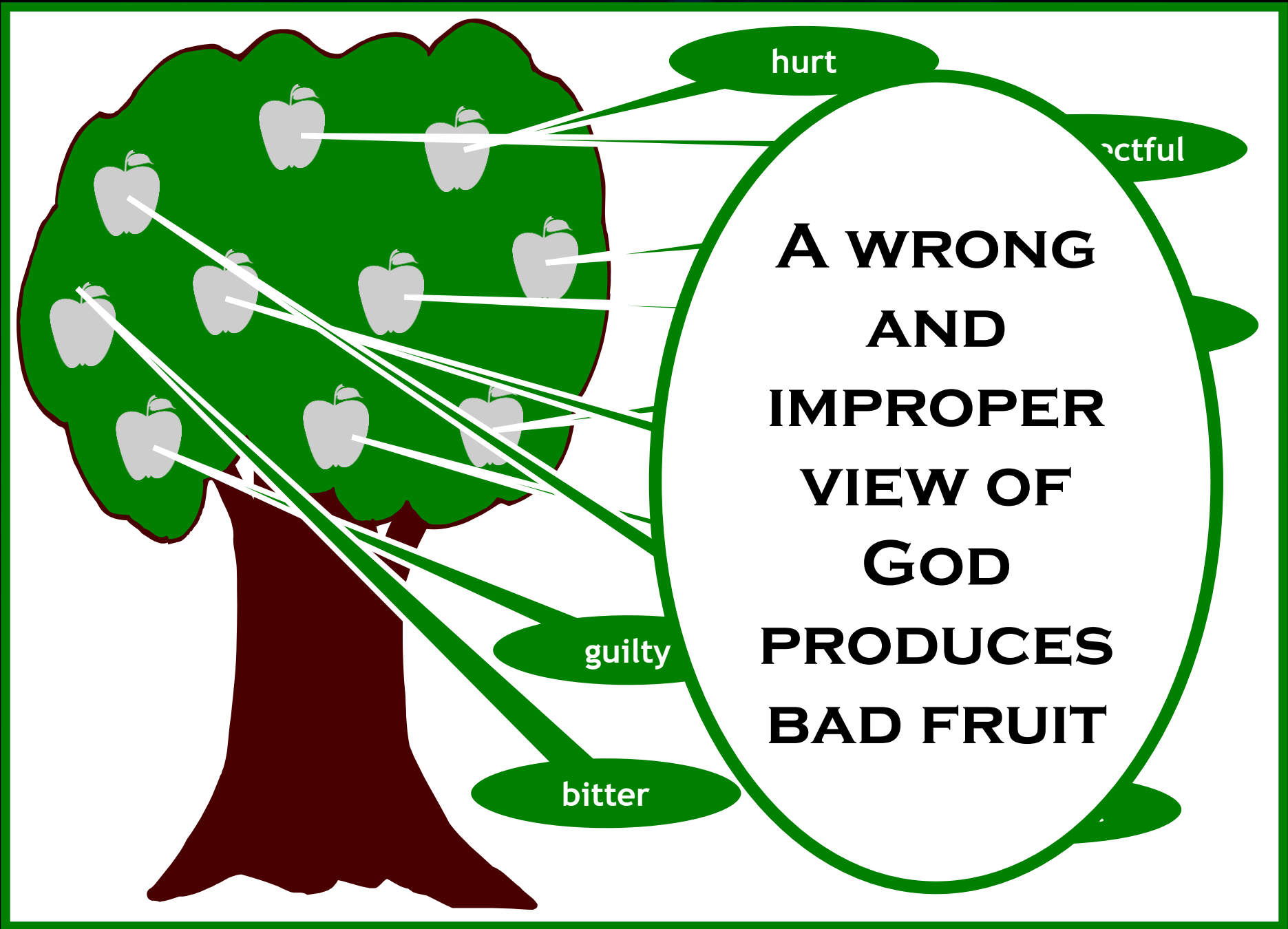
There's no reason to live

God doesn't care

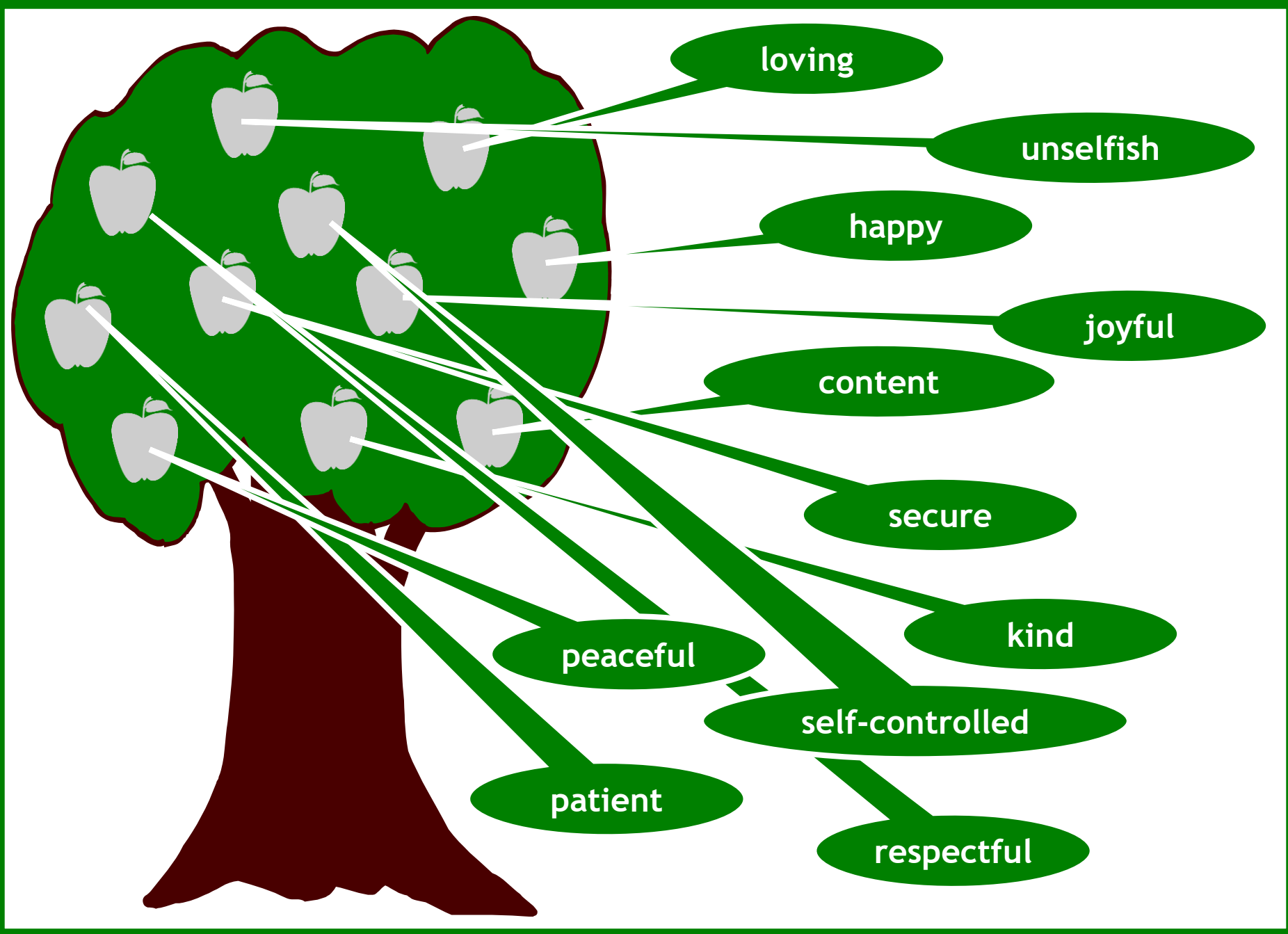
I just want to die

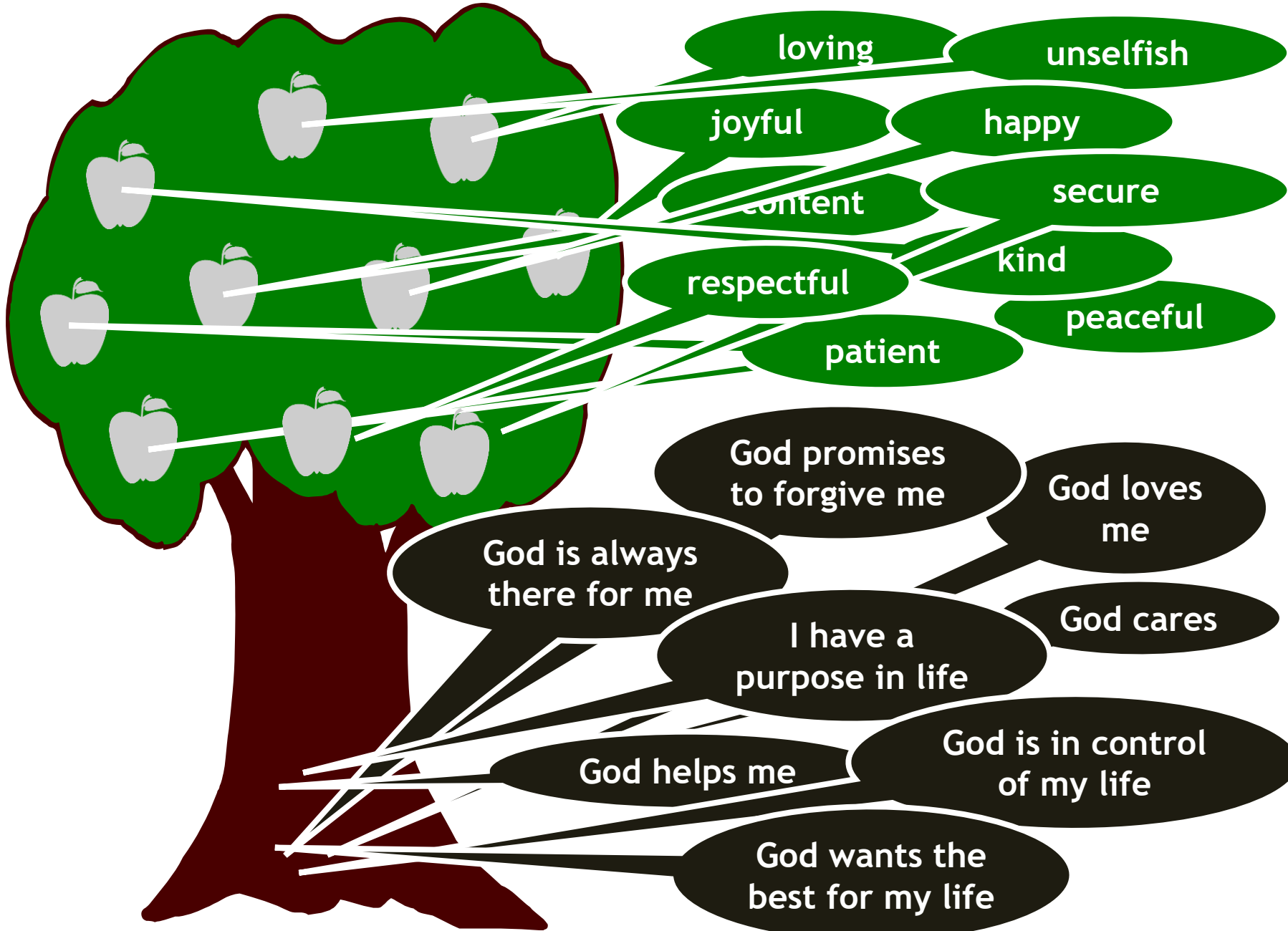
God's too busy to mess with me

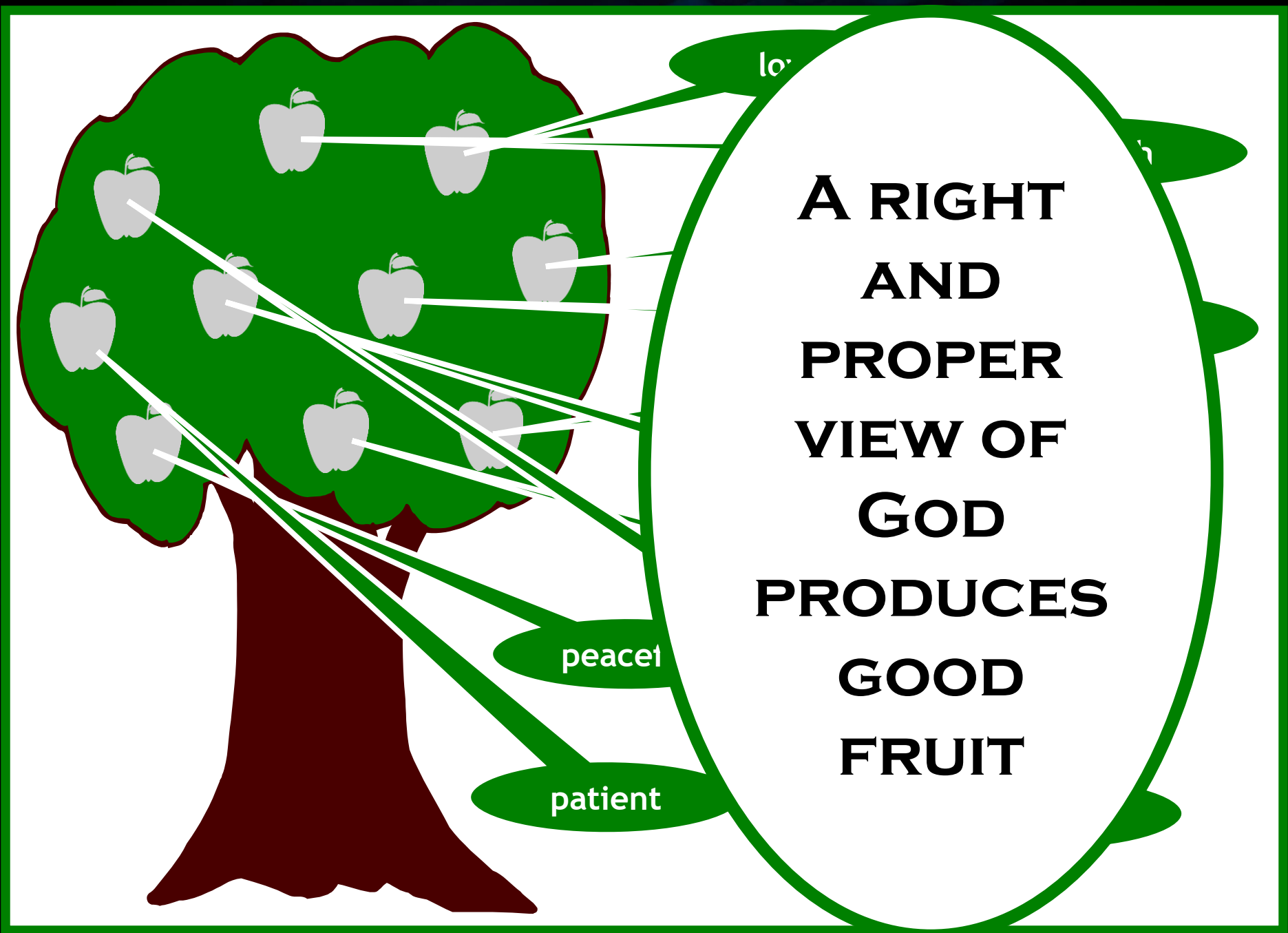
God is a thousand miles away











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love

peace

patient

**“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” Matthew 22:37-39**

How can I  
grow in my  
love for the  
Lord?

#1

Make an  
effort to  
"increase in  
your  
knowledge  
of God"!

**“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten:  
be zealous therefore, and repent.  
Behold, I stand at the door, and knock:  
if any man hear my voice, and open  
the door, I will come in to him, and will  
sup with him, and he with me.”**

**Revelation 3:19-20**

I know I am not  
perfect, but ...  
Romans 3:23

#2  
understand  
who you were,  
who you are,  
and who you  
are capable  
of being.

Am I more like the  
Pharisee or  
the prostitute?  
Luke 7:47

What does it  
mean to  
consider myself  
a "chief of  
sinners"?  
1 Timothy 1:15



The more you get to know me, the more you'll admire my wife.

Too many think lightly of sin, and therefore think lightly of the savior.  
(Charles Spurgeon)

By denying our sin, we devalue grace.

Admitting the gravity of my own depravity magnifies God's love, God's patience, and God's forgiveness and moves me to depend more on Him to allow His Spirit to change the ugliness of my heart.

"Till sin be bitter, Christ will not be sweet." (Thomas Watson)

"Look, I know my sin. And what I've seen in my own heart is darker and more awful; it's more proud, selfish, and self-exalting; and it's more consistently and regularly in rebellion against God than anything I have glimpsed in the heart of anyone else. As far as I can see, the biggest sinner I know is me." (Apostle Paul)

ONCE I TRULY UNDERSTAND AND ADMIT MY UGLY, SINFUL HEART, I AM ONLY THEN READY TO MAGNIFY GOD'S GLORY, RELY (depend, trust) ON GOD'S GRACE, AND BE CONSUMED WITH GOD'S GOSPEL (my only hope which I try to thank God for every day of my life).  
(David Harvey-When Sinners Say "I Do")

As for You, O Lord, You will  
not restrain Your mercy from  
me; Your steadfast love and  
Your faithfulness will ever  
preserve me! For evils have  
encompassed me beyond  
number; my iniquities have  
overtaken me, and I cannot see;  
they are more than the hairs of  
my head; my heart fails me.  
(David)

Once I know that I am  
indeed the worst of  
sinners, then others are  
no longer my biggest  
problem: I am.

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#3.  
Practice loving  
God and loving  
others more  
than you  
love yourself.

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