

Plants / Food

Almond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbolic of Christ in resurrection / awakening: first tree to awake from winter sleep / watchful • Almond flower – to break forth; to flourish • Almond bulb – to encircle • Almond cup – to remain awake and watchful
Aloe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fragrant / soothing, healing /to Israelites an emblem of prosperity
Apple	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of fragrance, beauty, sweetness / fruit [of the spirit] / words / sin / temptation / appreciation [as in “giving the teacher an apple”] • Apple pie – All-American • Big Apple – New York City • Apple of his eye – a cherished person or object • Apple pie order - shipshape; everything just so, in perfect order • Rotten apple - a bad thing or person that may spoil or corrupt the good ones nearby • Rotten to the core – thoroughly corrupt or untrustworthy • Upset the applecart - interfere with or thwart someone’s plan or program
Bacon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bring home the bacon</u> – To arrive with something of value – a prize or one’s pay. • <u>Save one’s bacon</u> – preserve oneself
Balm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A healing ministry [physical and/or spiritual]
Banana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top banana – the boss or leader • Go bananas - Feel cooped up or driven to distraction; claim one is going out of one’s mind because of the situation • Second banana – sidekick / assistant / deputy/ runner-up/ second string / second-rater / substitute / supporting role (thesaurus.com)
Barley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poverty • Lowliness • Low reputation • Passover harvest (KC) • Humility
Beans	<p>American Slang</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A dollar (as in “without a bean”) • A poker chip • The human head and brain • To strike someone on the head • <u>Full of beans</u> – vibrant with energy • <u>Bean counter</u> – A statistician or arithmetical clerk in government or business • <u>Bean-eater</u> – a resident of Boston • <u>Beanery</u> – A restaurant or diner • <u>Beanpole</u> – a tall thin person • <u>Beans</u> – Nothing; a minimal amount. • <u>Bean Town</u> – Boston, Mass. <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Not worth a hill of beans</u> – Of little or no value; a trifle. • <u>Spill the beans</u> – Reveal something that was supposed to be kept secret; give

	away information or a plan prematurely.
Briar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The curse • Fruitlessness (KC)
Branches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The body of Christ [I am the vine, you are the branches..] <p>Palm branches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victory • Rejoicing • Feast of Tabernacles (KC)
Bread	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff of life. • “Crushing, kneading” (KC) • The Word of God • Bread of sorrow • Deliverance (the children’s bread) (DM) • Life or word • Doctrine • Covenant • The Church • Substance • Provision (money, food, etc) • <u>Moldy bread</u> – Unfit / Tradition / Without revelation / Stale / Defiled (IM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cast your bread upon troubled waters</u> – Take a chance on a useful return by investing money or a resource. • <u>Half a loaf is better than none</u> – It’s better to get part of what you want than none of it. • <u>Knows what side his bread is buttered on</u> – keeps in mind where his interest lies, where his income come s from. • <u>Upper crust</u> – The aristocracy; the elite. <p>BETHLEHEM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House of bread (BJ)
Bubble gum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childish • Foolishness • Immaturity (IM)
Butter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing (or not doing) the Word or will of God • Deceptive motives, words or works / Smooth talker / Deceiver (IM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Butter up</u> – Flatter; seek a favor by excessive praise. • <u>Butter wouldn’t melt in her mouth</u> – Said of a cold, aloof person, or of one who looks innocent but probably is not. • <u>Knows what side his bread is buttered on</u> – keeps in mind where his interest lies, where his income come s from.

Coke	The real thing
Cream	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To defeat thoroughly <u>Cream of the crop</u> – The best of any group.
Daisy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Saxon) the eye of the day. The daisy is a symbol of innocence <u>Fresh as a daisy</u> – Rested, healthy, in good spirits.
Enchilada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The whole enchilada – everything (DM)
Fern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (Saxon) the fern is a symbol of sincerity
Fig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symbolic of fruit of Israel nation (KC)
Fig Leaves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symbolic of self-atonement, self-made covering (KC)
Flax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weakness of man (KC) <p>Unger's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hebrew <i>pishta</i> The fibers of the bark, when separated, twisted, bleached and woven, are linen. In the raw state they are "tow" (Judges 16:9). Somewhat twisted, tow constitutes a "wick" (Isaiah 42:3; 43:17).
Flour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symbol of broken body of Jesus. "To grind" (KC)
Flower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fragrance of God (JPJ) Glory Temporary Gift Romance Lily – Death / Funeral / Mourning (IM) <p>Unger's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shortness of human life (from their speedy decay Job 14:2 Psalm 103:15 1 Peter 1:24) Speedy downfall of the kingdom of Israel (Isaiah 28:11) Sudden departure of the rich (James 1:10-11) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Flower of youth</u> – The peak of beauty and fitness. <u>Nip in the bud</u> – Kill off at an early stage.
Frankincense	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symbol of fragrance Prayers Intercession "White" (KC)
Fruit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase or multiplication (KC) <p>Unger's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offspring / Children (Psalm. 21:10 Hos. 9:16) Also in such phrases as "fruit of the womb (Gen. 30:2 Deut. 7:13) and "fruit of his loins" (Acts 2:30) and "fruit of your body" (Psalm 132:11; Mic. 6:7) Consequences "They shall eat the fruit of their own way (Prov. 1:31 Isaiah.

	<p>3:10 Jeremiah 6:19 17:10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boasting is the “fruit of the arrogant heart” (Isaiah 10:12) • Man’s words are called the “fruit of his words” or of his “mouth” or “lips” (Prov 12:14 18:20 Hebrews 13:15) • Fruit of lies (Hos. 10:13) • Good counsel “Fruit of the righteous” (Prov 11:30) • Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23 Ephesians 5:9) • Charitable contribution (Rom 15:28) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Forbidden fruit</u> – Something untouchable or out of bounds.
Garlic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of Egypt’s food, world produce. (KC)
Gourd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of earth’s temporary product (KC)
Grain	<p>Unger’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrew <i>seror</i>, “packed,” i.e., “kernel” • Greek <i>kokkos</i>, “kernel” • Used (Amos 9:9, I Corinthians 15:37, etc.) in the singular and not as we do in a collective sense. • The generic name in the KJV for the cereal grains. Those cultivated in Bible lands are wheat, barley, vetch, fitches, millet, beans, pulse (edible seeds in general) lentils, and maize. <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Go against the grain</u> – To take an action that seems unnatural or illogical. • <u>Hasn’t a grain of sense</u> – Is witless, or at least not very smart. • <u>Grist for the mill</u> – Something I can use. “Grist” has almost lost its once-familiar meaning of grain taken to a mill to be ground.
Grapes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of fruit of the vine (KC) • The Spirit of promise (Holy Spirit) • Fruit of the Spirit • Promise of wrath (IM) • The people of God / their works (DM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>By the grapevine</u> – By rumor or hearsay. • <u>Grapes of wrath</u> – An explosive, dangerous situation resulting from a group’s anger or distress over a situation.
Grass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frailty of the flesh (KC) • Flesh • Self (as “in the flesh”) • The Word of God • <u>Dried grass</u> – Death / Repentance / Spiritual drought • <u>Mowed Grass</u> – Chastisement / Sickness / Financial need or distress /

	<p>Emotional and mental depression or anguish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mowing grass – Repentance (as in “crucifying the flesh”) / Preaching against sin (IM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Lets no grass grow under his feet</u> – Moves briskly; makes the most of the time or opportunity.
Gravy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something extra (DM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Get on the gravy train</u> – To obtain money or services without much effort.
Hay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little worth (KC) • To bundle • Prepare (as in make hay while the sun shines”) • Gather people together (as a church) in the name of the Lord, but with wrong (selfish) motives • Carnality (see Grass) (IM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Grim reaper</u> – Death. • <u>Make hay while the sun shines</u> – Act while conditions are favorable.
Hedge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection • Restrain • Restriction. • A wall (KC) <p>Unger’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hedges are more commonly used to separate gardens and orchards in the East than are walls. Many thorny plants are set out for this purpose. Also some giant grasses. <p>Webster’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anything serving as a fence or barrier; restriction or defense • Low or disreputable; furtive; as, a hedge love affair • To obstruct with or as with a hedge; I will hedge up thy way with thorns. Hosea ii,6 • To surround for defense; to fortify; to surround or encompass as with a barrier • To try to avoid or lessen loss in (a bet, risk, etc.) by making counterbalancing bets, investments, etc. • To hide or protect oneself, as if behind a hedge • To hide behind words; refuse to commit oneself
Honey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural sweetness • Good, but not for God’s altar (KC) • Strength

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power • Holy Spirit anointing and enlightenment • Wisdom • Knowledge • Pleasant experience (IM) <p>Webster's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anything like honey in quality or nature; sweetness • Darling; sweet one; dear; a term of endearment • To speak sweetly or lovingly; to be very affectionate, attentive, or coaxing • To flatter <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar</u> – You're more likely to get what you want by being pleasant than by being harsh. • <u>Land of milk and honey</u> – A place or situation full of good things (Exodus 3:8)
Leaf	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of life amidst prosperity or adversity (KC) • The ability to hear the Word of God (DH) • Words of Life • Covering • Covenant • Testimony • Doctrine • Temporary • Self-justification (IM) <p>Unger's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bright, fresh-colored leaf</u> – prosperity • <u>Faded leaf</u> –adversity and decay • Healing of the nations <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Turn over a new leaf</u> – Take a fresh start; reform one's conduct or attitude. • <u>Take a leaf (page) out of your book</u> – Follow your example.
Leaven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of evil doctrine, practices, life, teaching. • Fermented. • Action arrested by fire. (KC) • Spirit (good or evil) • Attitude • Sin • False doctrine • Hypocrisy • Self-justification / Self-righteousness / Self-importance • Anger • Pride • Zeal (IM)

	<p>Unger's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malice and wickedness • Evil doctrine • Religious externalism • Skeptical attitude toward the supernatural • Worldly compromise
Leeks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of Egypt's food, world produce. (KC)
Lemon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sour • Bad deal (as in "that car we bought is a lemon") • Crabby (IM)
Lettuce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money (SC)
Lily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of beauty, splendor (KC) • (Latin) The lily is a symbol of purity <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Gild the lily</u> – To try to improve the appearance of a beautiful object; to make it a superfluous gesture.
Loaves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of Jews and Gentiles accepted of God in Christ (KC)
Marigold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Hebrew and Saxon) The marigold is symbolic of sympathy.
Meat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of strong food, good or evil (KC) • Jerky – without the spirit • Sausage – truth mixed; compromised (DM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Meat and drink to me</u> – Something important or essential, at least in the view of the individual concerned; a source of great pleasure.
Milk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol for foundation food; first principle for the young (KC) • Word of God / Foundation truth • Teaching / Doctrine (IM) <p>Unger's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abundance • The blessings of the gospel • The first principles of God's Word • Edifying discourse • The wealth of the Gentiles <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cry over spilled milk</u> – To lament uselessly or pointlessly. • <u>Land of milk and honey</u> – A place or situation full of good things (Exodus 3:8) • <u>Milk of human kindness</u> – Compassion; understanding.
Mint	Unger's

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A titihable herb. It is commonly cultivated and used as a flavoring in salads and in cooking. • A great deal of money • Place where money is produced (DM)
Molasses	<p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>As slow as molasses in January</u> – Sluggish or virtually immobile.
Mushroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick • Sudden growth • Sudden or unexpected appearance • Fragile • Deadly poison (IM)
Mustard	<p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Cut the mustard</u> – Do something well, particularly when it is suspected that one’s ability may have declined due to age. <p>(SEED)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of smallness to unnatural growth (KC)
Myrtle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of God’s blessings (KC) • Symbol of Justice and Peace (Blueletter Bible)
Oak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strength (KC) <p>Unger’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The symbol of Israel • Strong and powerful men • <u>Fading oaks</u> – the wicked under judgment
Olive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (Latin) Olive tree, emblem of peace <p>Unger’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tree, with leaves of the characteristic dull green at their upper surface and a silvery sheen at their lower, cultivated in all Bible countries. • It is alluded to many times in the Bible, often as an emblem of peace, prosperity and wealth. • Much is said of its beauty, fruitfulness, and usefulness to mankind. • Its berries and oil are now, as always, leading articles of commerce. Disasters to olive trees are national afflictions, and the failure of the crop is a cause of ruin and considered a sign of divine wrath. • Olive plants – children (Psalm 128) (DM)
Palm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of victory. (KC) <p>Unger’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrew <i>tamar</i> • Greek <i>phoinix</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The palm tree in Scripture commonly designates the date palm. Israel encountered seventy palm trees at Elim (Ex. 15:27; Num. 33:9), and the palm was a welcome sight to weary travelers, for it signified rest, shade, and refreshment. • In the Bible the palms were characterized as “beautiful trees” and were used to celebrate the feast of Booths, or Tabernacles (Lev. 23:40) • The beauty and utility of the palm furnished a lovely figure for the psalmist of the prosperity of the godly (Ps. 92:12) • By Christian times the palm came to denote victory (Revelation 7:9). • The palm tree has a long tap root that goes down to sources of water. The fact that it grows in perennial freshness in almost desert-like conditions makes it a fitting symbol of constancy, patience, uprightness, and prosperity. <p>Unger’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The straightness and beauty of the palm would naturally suggest giving its name to woman; and we have the comparison “Your stature is like a palm tree.” (SS 7:7) • The righteous enjoying their deserved prosperity • <u>Palm branches</u> – victory • Triumph of the Christian over death through the resurrection • Martyrdom
Pancake	<p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flat as a pancake</u> – Singularly flat. • <u>Sell like hotcakes</u> – Go over big.
Pansy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weaking / wimp / effeminate man (DM) • (French) Pensive flower
Pickle	<p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>In a pickle</u> – In trouble; in a difficult situation.
Pie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole • Business endeavors (as in “having a finger in a lot of pies”) • Part of the action (as in “I’d like a piece of that pie myself”) (IM) • <u>Apple pie</u> – All-American / Wholesome (DM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Easy as pie</u> – A pleasantly uncomplicated task. • <u>Eat humble pie</u> – Acknowledge an error; be apologetic; submit to humiliation. • <u>A finger in every pie</u> – To be active in many things (sometimes said sarcastically of someone who is overactive, a busybody). • <u>Pie in the sky</u> – Something unrealistic or unattainable; promised pleasures that will never come. • <u>Upper crust</u> – The aristocracy; the elite.
Pine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of fragrance, beauty (KC)
Pomegranate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruitfulness • Joyfulness (KC)
Pudding	<p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Proof of the pudding is in the eating</u> – The way to test whether something

	came out as it was intended is to try it.
Pumpkin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Witchcraft • Deception • Snare • Witch • Trick (as in Halloween trick-or-treat”) (IM)
Reed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frailty • Instability • A stalk or stem. • Measuring or judging (KC) • Weak • A spiritually weak person • Opposition that comes through the weakness of the flesh • Affliction (when used as a whip) (IM) <p>Unger’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>A reed shaken by the wind</u> – a fickle person • <u>A bruised reed</u> – those who are spiritually miserable and helpless • <u>A crushed reed or a staff made of reed</u> – uncertain support, since it is liable to break when one leans on it and its jagged edges pierce the shoulder of the man who grasps it. • Measuring rod
Root	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offspring source • Progeny • Root of David (KC) • Attitude • Hidden sin (Some common roots [wrong attitudes or values] include the following: love of money, bitterness [desire for revenge], low self-esteem, fearfulness, selfishness, an independent spirit [rebelliousness], etc.) • Conviction • Steadfastness • Pure motive • Cause / Reason • Source • Stable / Unmovable (IM) <p>Unger’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progenitor • The essential cause of anything • Firmly established • <u>Uproot</u> – to destroy, remove • <u>Roots near water</u> – prosperity • <u>Root dried up</u> – lack • <u>Roots grown old</u> – lack of vitality • <u>Rotten roots</u> – sin; sinners

Rose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romance • Love • Courtship • Red Rose – passion • Yellow Rose Garden – marriage counseling (IM) • Field of roses – Dutch = Roosevelt • 3 roses – Roosevelt family crest • (Latin) The rose is a symbol of love <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Bed of roses</u> – A soft or enviable position. • <u>Came up (smelling like) roses</u> – Turned out well (usually the suggestion being that whatever it was turned out better than could have been expected). • <u>Gather ye rosebuds while ye may</u> – Take advantage of your opportunities; live for the present. <p>ROSE OF SHARON</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of Christ and His church (KC)
Rosemary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latin) Rose of the sea • The rosemary is a token of remembrance
Rum	<p>The drink of pirates Part of the “triangle trade” encouraging slave trade in the Americas (DM)</p> <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demon rum</u> – Hard liquor and its unfortunate consequences.
Salad	<p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Salad days</u> – One’s youth; the time when one was at the peak of vigor or most exuberant; also the time when one was inexperienced and green. • Lettuce - money
Salt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorruptibility, preserve from corruption • Covenant, that which endures • Used also in judgment on people and land. (KC) • Seasoning or preservative • Covenant • Acceptable • Memorial • Rejected (IM) <p>Unger’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenant • Preservation • <u>Sowing the foundations of a destroyed city with salt</u> – irretrievable ruin; destruction

	<p>Webster's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That which purifies, preserves or corrects • That which gives a tang or piquancy to anything • Sharp, pungent humor or wit • A veteran sailor; as, an old salt • To give artificial value to: specifically to alter books in order to give false value; to scatter minerals or ores in a mine, put oil in a well, etc. in order to deceive prospective buyers • <u>Not worth one's salt</u>: not worth one's wages, sustenance, etc. • <u>Salt of the earth</u>: any person or persons regarded as the finest, noblest, etc. • <u>With a grain of salt</u>: with allowance or reserve; skeptically <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Back to the salt mine</u> – A return to hard or tedious work, or just one's job after one has had a relaxing interval away from it. • <u>Rub salt in the wound</u> – Exacerbate an affront or a defeat; add insult to injury. • <u>Salt of the earth</u> – A valuable person or group of people; people on whom one can rely. • <u>Take it with a grain of salt</u> – Be skeptical; examine it (a statement or an idea) carefully before you accept it. • <u>Worth his salt</u> – He's proved himself; he is a good worker.
Seed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit • Posterity • Righteous or wicked offspring (KC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word • Word of God • Saints • Faith • Word of man (revealing the heart) • Christ • Fullness of iniquity (as in "weeds gone to seed") (IM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Run to seed</u> – Become a little too old or decayed.
Stew	<p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Stew in his own juice</u> – Be in a difficulty of one's own making. • <u>Stewed to the gills</u> – Very drunk.
Straw	<p>Unger's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During the process of oriental threshing, the straw is cut into bits half an inch or two inches in length, and more or less crushed, shredded, pulverized, and mixed with the chaff. This product is known in Arabic as <i>tibn</i>, the cognate of the Hebrew <i>teben</i>, which is usually translated "straw," sometimes incorrectly "chaff" and "stubble." As hay is unknown, this cut straw is its substitute. <p>Webster's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hollow stalks or stems of grain after threshing; used for fodder, as a stuffing

	<p>for mattresses, etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a single one of such stalks • such a stalk, or now especially, a tube of waxed paper, glass, etc. used for sucking beverages • something of little or no value; worthless trifle • <u>a straw in the wind</u>: an indication of what may happen • <u>straw boss</u>: a person having subordinate authority, as a foreman's assistant • <u>to catch (or clutch, grasp) at a straw</u>: to try anything that offers even the least hope <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Grasping at straws</u> – Acting desperation (probably from the image of a drowning person clutching at anything that floats; even something so insubstantial as straw). • <u>Last straw</u> – One thing too much.
Stubble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of that which is useless, worthless, fire-bound (KC)
Sugar (refer honey)	<p>Webster's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sugar coat</u>: to make seem more pleasant or attractive, as with flattery, euphemism, etc. • <u>Sugar daddy</u>: a wealthy, especially older, man who lavishes gifts on young women in return for their attentions
Tares	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • False teaching • Children of Satan • Apostates from the faith. (KC) • Degenerates • False grain
Tea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seething (JPJ) • Refreshing • Grace • Good news • Salvation • Time of refreshing (as in "tea time") • Revival (IM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Not my cup of tea</u> – A person, activity or proposal that doesn't appeal to you or that you downright dislike. • <u>Read the tea leaves</u> – Claim to foretell the future or ascertain the auguries. • <u>Tempest in a teapot</u> – A squabble or an outburst over a trifle.
Thistle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of the curse, uselessness (KC)
Thorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of the curse. Thistle or brier. (KC) • Hindrance • Gossip • Evil circumstance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persecution • Cares of this life • Curse • Defense (as in a hedge of thorns") • Stickers or cockleburs – Irritant / Irritated (as in "a burr under his saddle") / Minor afflictions (IM) <p>Unger's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The hurts of paganism • The corruption of the nation • Almost insurmountable obstacles • The wicked • False prophets • <u>Fire of thorns</u> – the sudden end of fools • <u>Overgrown with thorns</u> – desolation <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Thorn in the side</u> – An annoyance; a bothersome person or problem (II Corinthians 12:7)
Tree(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nations • Individuals • The church • Christ Jesus (KC) • Leadership (JPJ) • Person or covering • Leader • Shelter • False worship • Evil influence • <u>Oak tree</u> – strong shelter • <u>Willow tree</u> – sorrow • <u>Evergreen tree</u> – eternal life • <u>Cedar tree</u> – everlasting • <u>Broken tree</u> - Jesus • <u>Tree stump</u> • Stubborn • Unbelief • Roots • Tenacious • Obstacle • Unmovable • Hope or promise or restoration • Regeneration (IM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Can't see the forest for the trees</u> – Unable to grasp the broad meaning of a situation or the point of an argument because of an excessive attention to details.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Go climb a tree</u> – Stop bothering me; your idea (or proposal) is worthless. • <u>In the groves of academe</u> – Associated with a university or a scholarly group. • <u>Had me stumped</u> – I was unable (at least temporarily) to deal with a problem • <u>This neck of the woods</u> – Here; this region. • <u>Out of the woods</u> – Clear of danger or difficulty. • <u>Out on a limb</u> – In an exposed or dangerous position. • <u>Sleep like a log</u> – Sleep soundly. • <u>Turn over a new leaf</u> – Take a fresh start; reform one’s conduct or attitude. • <u>Up a tree</u> – In a quandary or a difficulty.
Tulips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variegated tulip – beautiful eyes (KG) • Two lips (DM)
Vine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Israel • Christ and His church. • The Father is the Husbandman • Christ is the True Vine • The Church and believers are the Branches. (KC) • Source or people • Christ • Person • Family • City • Nation • Flesh • Entanglement • Snare (IM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>By the grapevine</u> – By rumor or hearsay.
Vinegar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sourness or peevishness of temper, countenance, speech, etc: <i>a note of vinegar in his voice.</i> • vigor; high spirits; vim. (dictionary.com) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar</u> – You’re more likely to get what you want by being pleasant than by being harsh.
Violet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pretty and modest • Shrinking violet – a shy person
Watermelon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fruit • Refreshing • Picnic • Seeds – Words • Water – Spirit • Sweet – strength

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green – life • Red – passion / The fruit of good or evil works / The pleasures of sin (IM)
Weeds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unkempt • Works of the flesh • Sin • Neglect • Laziness • Worry • The fullness of iniquity (if they are gone to seed) (IM)
Wheat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff of life • Bread • Christ • His saints (KC) • The born again church • Wheat fields – the harvest of souls (DM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Separate the wheat from the chaff</u> – Distinguish the wanted from the unwanted, the valuable from the relatively valueless. (Matthew 3:12)
Willow Tree	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of weeping, sorrowful tree (KC)
Wine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of teaching, blessing, true or false. (KC) • Intoxicant • Strong emotion (such as joy, anger, hate, or sorrow) • Spirit (of God or spirit of man) • Revelation • Truth • Witchcraft • Delusion • Mocker • <u>Drinking wine with someone</u> – spiritual fellowship; communion (IM) • The blood of Jesus (i.e. salvation / forgiveness) • Whine (DM) • new wine in old bottles - something new placed in or superimposed on an old or existing form, system, etc. Matt. 9:17. • wine and dine - to entertain lavishly.
Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Symbol of humanity, of Christ, or saints. • Christ, the Root out of dry ground, the stem of Jesse, of David’s family tree. (KC) • Life • Temporary • Flesh

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humanity • Carnal reasoning • Lust • Eternal (as in “a house made of cedars”) • Spiritual building material (IM) <p>Dictionary of Clichés</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Babe in the woods</u> – an innocent; someone in a situation he is too unsophisticated to handle. • <u>Out of the woods</u> – Clear of danger of difficulty. • <u>Out on a limb</u> – In an exposed or dangerous position.
Yeast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypocrisy (Luke 12:1)