

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

God wants all of us to enter into a true sanctification process with Him so that He can begin the process of molding, shaping, and transforming us into the express image of His Son Jesus Christ. He wants to make us into a better and more holy people. He wants to transform us by the renewing of our minds. He wants to put right thinking into our thought process.

You have to be willing to work in cooperation with the Holy Spirit once He begins to start this sanctification process within you. Sanctification is the proof of possession of body in holiness (self separation). 1 Thess. 4:3-4.

Your job will be to get into the Word to find out exactly what it is God is going to change about you. You will need to find out exactly what godly qualities God will want you to try and “**put on**” into your personality, and what qualities He will want you to try and “**put away.**”

Let us read Galatians 5:22-23 where these nine fruit come from, and then do a brief analysis on each one of these fruits so you can fully understand what each one of these fruits are all about, and how they can dramatically change the quality of your life and state of well-being if you are willing to allow the Holy Spirit to start to work all nine of these fruits into your personality.

The nine fruit of the Holy Spirit is essential in the life of Christians which if absent in once life the person cannot see God.

We learn from scripture that these are not individual "fruits" from which we pick and choose. Rather, the fruit of the Spirit is one nine fold "fruit" that characterizes all who truly walk in the Holy Spirit. Collectively, these are the fruits that all Christians should be producing in their new lives with Jesus Christ.

Here are the nine fruit of the Holy Spirit listed one right after the other in a bolded, numbered format:

- 1. Love**
- 2. Joy**
- 3. Peace**
- 4. Longsuffering**
- 5. Gentleness**
- 6. Goodness**
- 7. Faith**
- 8. Meekness**
- 9. Temperance**

The fruit of the Spirit is a blessing to our own lives, to others about us, and above all – to the heavenly Father Himself. Truly, the life of His Son brings Him great joy. We might therefore outline the fruit of the Spirit as follows:

A. Inward Blessings

- 1. Love**being lovely within
- 2. Joy**being joyful within
- 3. Peace**being peaceful within

B. Outward Blessings

1. **longsuffering**being patient with others
2. **Gentleness**being kind to others
3. **Goodness**.....being good to others

C. Upward Blessings

1. **Faith**being faithful to God
2. **Meekness**being humble before God
3. **Temperance**being controlled by God

The fruit of the Spirit is a physical manifestation of a Christian's transformed life. In order to mature as believers, we should study and understand the attributes of the nine fold fruit:

LOVE

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him" (1 John 4:16). Through Jesus Christ, our greatest goal is to do all things in love. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

JOY

Sometimes we Christians tend to downplay the meaning of joy. But, the Greek word translated as "joy" in Galatians 5 means "gladness and delight" – basically the same thing the world means when it talks about joy. It is a feeling of gladness based on our circumstances. Sadly, the world's joy cannot last because it is based on fleeting, physical circumstances. But the joy of the Lord is established in our spiritual, eternal circumstances. As we cling tight to Jesus, abiding daily in our saving relationship with Him, we will experience the fullness of joy He promised (John 15:4-11).

"The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2).

PEACE

The world doesn't offer much peace. Just look around. The world cannot give it because the world doesn't know the One who is peace. But for those who have the Spirit of peace within us, the peace of Christ is possible, no matter our circumstances (John 14:27). We can reject the chaos of the world and embrace God's peace. The book of Philippians tells us how (Philippians 4:4-9). First, choose to rejoice in God and who He is. Second, bring all your worries, fears, and concerns to God in prayer. Third, fill your mind with God's truth. And fourth, choose to think about the things of God.

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

LONGSUFFERING (patience)

We are "strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness" (Colossians 1:11). "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2).

GENTLENESS (kindness)

We should live "in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left" (2 Corinthians 6:6-7).

GOODNESS

"Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power" (2 Thessalonians 1:11). "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth" (Ephesians 5:9).

FAITH (faithfulness)

"O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isaiah 25:1). "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith" (Ephesians 3:16-17).

MEEKNESS

"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Galatians 6:1). "With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2).

TEMPERANCE (self-control)

"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love" (2 Peter 1:5-7).

Comparison of the Fruit Of The Sprit And Flesh

Love: **Hatred, Selfishness, Jealousy, Resentment**

Joy: **Sadness, Grief, Depression, Self-pity**

Peace: **Worry, Fear, Strife, Conflict, Tension**

Longsuffering: **Impatient, Hasty, Short-tempered**

Gentleness: **Cruel, Rude, Harsh, Pushy, Heavy-handed**

Goodness: **Evil, Wicked, Immoral, Stingy, Greedy**

Faith: **Careless, Unreliable, Dishonest, Disloyal**

Meekness: **Proud, Dogmatic, unteachable, Judgmental**

Temperament: **Unruly, Undisciplined, Messy, and Weak-willed**

Lack of Christian character is the main reason for failure in the ministry of the Church. A minister may be "called," highly "gifted" and even "successful" in his ministry – for a time. But it will not last long apart from Christian character.

The fruit of the Spirit is the foundation for strong, steady, solid ministry for God. It was true for the Apostle Paul; it is true for us today!

It's for the body of Christ not only the minister of God. Every Christians must grow fruit of the Spirit in his live.

*"And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given
unto us." Romans 5:3-5.*

Let the fruit of the Spirit grow on your branch. If you do, you too will be fruitful in ministry to the Lord, to others and to the world.

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