

Known By Your Fruit
Galatians 5:22-23

Galatians 5:22,23 (ESV) *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

Opposite the **Fruit** is the **Flesh**.

Galatians 5:16-21 (ESV) *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Fruit requires **fertilizer**.

Luke 13:6-9 (NIV) Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'" "Sir," the man replied, "leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Love **embraces** all the other fruits.

1 John 4:7 (NIV) Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Joy is not dependent on circumstances.

Acts 16:25 (NIV) About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

The peace of God is **tranquility** of heart.

Philippians 4:7 (ESV) And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Patience is **trusting** God while the door stays closed.

Romans 2:4 (NIV) Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

Kindness is **acting** with integrity.

Colossians 3:12 (NIV) Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Goodness is living from a place of generosity.

Psalm 23:6 (NIV) Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Faithfulness is **integrity** in spite of circumstances.

Matthew 9:22 (NIV) Some men brought to him a paralyzed man, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the man, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

Luke 8:48 (NIV) Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."

Gentleness is **power** combined with humility.

Ephesians 4:2 (NIV) Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Self-control is **resisting** desires in spite of temptation.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV) For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.