

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit Pt. 4.

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

GALATIANS 5:22-23 KJV

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23
Meekness, temperance: against such there is
no law.*

The Fruit of Gentleness

1. Gentleness is the quality of having a mild manner, not severe, violent, or loud. It is a quiet and respectful kindness.
2. Gentleness refers to the way things are done; respectfully, kindly, tenderly, with compassion, with consideration for others, without strife, without harshness. To be gentle means that you show love and care for others in the way you act and speak. 2Tim.2:24-25
3. There is a strong connection between gentleness and the power of words. Prov.15:1,4;

2 TIMOTHY 2:24-25 NKJV

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,

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PROVERBS 15:1 NKJV

A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

PROVERBS 15:4 NLT

Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.

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5. We should not be brawlers. Gentleness indicates a graciousness, a desire to extend mercy to others, and a desire to yield to both the will of God and the preferences of other people. Tit.3:2
6. We are to be easily entreated. That means we are to be easily approached by others because of our gentle nature: Jas.3:17
7. Gentleness and humility always go together. The absence of gentleness is evidence of pride. Matt.11:29; Eph.4:2

MATTHEW 11:29 NKJV

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am [a]gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

MATTHEW 21:5 NIV

“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’

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TITUS 3:2 KJV

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JAMES 3:17 NKJV

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

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EPHESIANS 4:2 NLT

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

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8. When we are filled with the fruit of gentleness,
 - a. we will correct others with love instead of arguing in resentment and anger, knowing that their salvation is far more important than our pride. 2Tim.2:24-25;
 - b. We will forgive easily, because any offense toward us is nothing compared to our offenses against God. Matt.18:23-35
 - c. Competition and sectarianism will disappear, as the goal becomes less about ourselves and more about the kingdom Php.1:15-18

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9. The fruit of gentleness does not mean that we go easy on people and try to justify actions that God has called sin, Or to let someone continue in sin without speaking the truth. Gal.6:1
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GALATIANS 6:1 NKJV

Brethren, if a man is [a]overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

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The Fruit of Goodness

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2. Goodness is an attribute or quality of God: Ps.52:1; 107:8;
3. The earth shows the goodness of God: Ps.33:5
4. God crowns the year with His goodness. Ps.65:11

PSALM 52:1 NKJV

Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man? The goodness of God endures continually.

PSALM 107:8

Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

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PSALM 33:5 NKJV

*He loves righteousness and justice; The
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PSALM 65:11 NKJV

*You crown the year with Your goodness,
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

The Fruit of Goodness

5. The goodness of God is shown to sinners to lead them to repentance: Rom.2:4
6. We are sustained by the goodness of God. Ps.27:13
7. The Bible Said God's goodness is laid up for us: Ps.31:19
8. God fills the hungry with goodness: Ps.107:9
9. We are saved to carry out acts of goodness. Eph.2:10
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ROMANS 2:4 NKJV

Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

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PSALM 27:13 NKJV

*I would have lost heart, unless I had
believed That I would see the goodness of
the Lord In the land of the living.*

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PSALM 31:19 NKJV

*Oh, how great is Your goodness, Which
You have laid up for those who fear You,
Which You have prepared for those who
trust in You In the presence of the sons of
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*For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills
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EPHESIANS 2:10 NKJV

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them

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PSALM 23:6 NKJV

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life; And I will [a]dwell in
the house of the Lord [b]Forever.*

The Fruit of Faith/Faithfulness

1. We studied faith under the gifts of the spirit and the concepts taught about faith as a gift are also applicable to faith as a fruit.
 - a. However, Faith as a gift is power. It is a strong confidence in God which enables a believer to act where others will not act out of unbelief.
 - b. While Faith as a fruit is character. It is an attitude of faithfulness towards God and man. It is developed through life process and the operation of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer.
 - c. While everyone does not have the gift of faith, the fruit of faith or faithfulness should be evident in the lives of all believers.

The Fruit of Faith/Faithfulness

2. Faithfulness is absolute trust, commitment and loyalty to God demonstrated by steadfastness, dedication, constancy and consistency. It is unwavering loyalty and allegiance to God no matter the circumstances. To be Faithful is to be trustworthy, reliable and dependable
3. Faithfulness is one of the sweetest qualities of God. And it refers to God's dependability, reliability and trustworthiness.
Lam.3:22-23; Ps.36:5; 89:1; 92:2; 1Cor.1:9; 1Thess.5:24

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23 NKJV

*Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new
every morning; Great is Your faithfulness*

PSALM 36:5

*Your mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; Your
faithfulness reaches to the clouds.*

PSALM 89:1 NKJV

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

PSALM 92:2

*To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,
And Your faithfulness every night,*

1 CORINTHIANS 1:9 NKJV

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:24

He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

The Fruit of Faith/Faithfulness

4. God's faithfulness cannot fail even when we are faithless.
2Tim.2:13; Ps.89:33
5. God is looking for faithful people. Faithfulness is the most important requirement for serving God. Prov.20:6; 1Cor.4:2
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2 TIMOTHY 2:13 NKJV

If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

PSALM 89:33

Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail.

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PROVERBS 20:6 NKJV

Most men will proclaim each his own goodness, But who can find a faithful man?

1 CORINTHIANS 4:2

Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful

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PROVERBS 28:20 NKJV

A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

MATTHEW 25:23

His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

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7. If you are faithful in little things you will be faithful in great things. Lk.16:10
8. If you are not faithful with God in the area of your money you cannot qualify for the true riches. Lk.16:11
9. If you are not faithful in handling other people's things no one will give you your own. Lk.16:12

LUKE 16:10 NKJV

He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

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LUKE 16:11 NKJV

*Therefore if you have not been faithful
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LUKE 16:12 NKJV

*And if you have not been faithful in
what is another man's, who will give
you what is your own?*

ALTAR CALL

Lord Jesus, I am a sinner and I need you to save me. I believe you died for me and rose up on the third day that I may be justified. Today, Lord Jesus, I confess and repent of all my sins; I forsake them; forgive me Lord Jesus; come into my heart Lord Jesus; be my Lord and savior; from today I promise to serve you in the name of Jesus

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PRAYER 1

Father in the name of Jesus, empower me and every member of this church to continuously grow in the fruit of gentleness, goodness and faithfulness until Christ is fully reflected and glorified in all our interactions with God and each other in the name of Jesus. Gal.5:22-23; 2Tim.2:24-25; Ps.23:6; 1Cor.4:2;

PRAYER 2

Now Pray for yourself. For your specific need. For your expectation this month and this year. Php.4:6

MATTHEW 7:7-8

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened