

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit Pt. 5.

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.*

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NUMBERS 12:3 KJV

*(Now the man Moses was very meek,
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MATTHEW 11:29 KJV

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

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3. Because meekness is not a commonly used word any longer, in many Bible translations it has been replaced with humility and gentleness but meekness is more than humility and gentleness.
 - a. Humility is thinking of yourself lower than others In order to encourage them but meekness is not thinking of yourself at all.
 - b. When Miriam and Aaron spoke against the leadership of Moses because he married an Ethiopian woman contrary to God's instructions, and God pronounced judgment on them, Moses did not defend himself instead he defended and interceded for them. He was not thinking about himself. That is meekness. Numbers 12:1-15;

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- c. In another instance when God wanted to destroy the Israelites for their rebellion Moses withstood God and interceded asking God to send him to hell rather than destroy the nation of Israel. That is meekness. Moses was not thinking of himself. Ex.32:31-33
- d. Jesus Christ was not thinking about himself when he hung on the cross and gave his life for the sins of the world including those who crucified him and while dying at their hands interceded for them. That is meekness. Lk.23:33-34; Matt.26:53-54
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EXODUS 32:31-33 NKJV

Then Moses returned to the Lord and said, “Oh, these people have committed a great sin, and have made for themselves a god of gold! 32 Yet now, if You will forgive their sin—but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written.” 33 And the Lord said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

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LUKE 23:33-34 NKJV

And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 [a]Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

MATTHEW 26:53-54 NKJV

Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? 54 How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?

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4. Meekness is brokenness, submission and tenderness before God.
 - a. It is humility, teachability and obedience for the glory of God Ps.25:9
 - b. It is yielding and giving up your rights especially when you have every right not to, for the sake of Christ. Col.3:12-13
 - c. It is to remain in control of oneself in the face of insults, injuries and difficulties. Prov.16:32
 - d. It is consideration for others above self. Rom.12:10
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COLOSSIANS 3:12-13 NKJV

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

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PROVERBS 16:32 NKJV

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city.

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ROMANS 12:10 NKJV

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with brotherly love, in honor giving
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2Tim.2:24-25; Tit.3:2

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10. The meek are blessed and shall inherit the earth. Matt.5:5

GALATIANS 6:1 KJV

*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.*

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EPHESIANS 4:1-3 KJV

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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2 TIMOTHY 2:24-25 KJV

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth

TITUS 3:2 KJV

To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

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JAMES 1:21 NKJV

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and [a]overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

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*Who is wise and understanding
among you? Let him show by good
conduct that his works are done in the
meekness of wisdom.*

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MATTHEW 5:5 NKJV

*Blessed are the meek, For they shall
inherit the [a]earth.*

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PSALM 147:6 KJV

The Lord lifteth up the meek: he casteth the wicked down to the ground.

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PSALM 149:4 KJV

*For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people:
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PSALM 22:26 NKJV

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him: your heart shall live for ever*

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PSALM 37:11 NKJV

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ISALAH 29:19 NKJV

The meek also shall increase their joy in the Lord, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

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COLOSSIANS 3:12 NKJV

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1 TIMOTHY 6:11 KJV

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

ZEPHANIAH 2:3 KJV

Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.

The Fruit of Temperance

1. Temperance is moderation in emotions, thoughts, and actions. It is self-control. Temperance is mastery in all things: It is the discipline of the flesh. 1Cor.9:27
2. By the operation of the fruit of temperance we put to death the deeds of the body. Col.3:5; Rom.8:13
3. We are instructed to add temperance to our lives. 2Pet.1:6
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1 CORINTHIANS 9:27 NKJV

But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified

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COLOSSIANS 3:5 NKJV

Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

ROMANS 8:13

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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2 PETER 1:6 NKJV

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ACTS 24:25 KJV

And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee

Importance Of The Fruit

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2. When Jesus saw a fig tree which had no fruit, he cursed it. Matt.21:18-19
3. Jesus cursed the fig tree not necessarily because it had no fruit to satisfy its hunger but because it was deceitful. It had the appearance and looked as if it is fruitful, yet it had no fruit. Many people appear to be spiritual but inwardly they do not have the fruit of Christlikeness. Matt.23:27

LUKE 13:6-9 NKJV

He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it [a]use up the ground?' 8 But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 [b]And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'

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MATTHEW 21:18-19 NKJV

Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. 19 And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away.

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MATTHEW 23:27 NKJV

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.

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4. There is more emphasis on the gifts of the spirit than on the fruit in many ministries today. But the bible emphasizes spiritual fruit. Matt.7:20
5. The fruit, or spiritual qualities shown by a person, reveals what he is like inside: Lk.6:43-45
6. Personal charisma and appeal may be mistaken for spiritual power. Some may even perform miracles but Jesus said. Matt.7:21-23

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LUKE 6:43-45 NKJV

“For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44 For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush. 45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil [a]treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

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“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

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7. Jude warned against those who would "creep in" to the church and teach false doctrine. And one of the ways to recognize them was by the lack of fruit in their lives: Jude 12
8. In the natural world it is the fruit which carries within it the seeds which reproduce. In the spirit world it is the fruit of the Holy Spirit which has the capacity for spiritual reproduction:
 - a. The fruit of Christlikeness in our lives draws sinful men to God.
 - b. The fruit of evangelism spreads the Gospel of the Kingdom and results in spiritual harvest throughout the world.

JUDE 12 NKJV

These are [a]spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried [b]about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

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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 develop the inner fruit of Christ-like qualities to the point of maturity so as to be passionately engaged in producing the outer fruit of soul winning to the glory of your praise in the name of Jesus. Gal.5:22-23; Matt.28:19-20; John 15:8,16;

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