

# THE GIVER **AND** HIS GIFTS

## The Giver and His Gifts Series

### Part 4

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### The Fruit of the Spirit (Part 2)

Galatians 5:16-26, <sup>16</sup>But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries,

dissensions, divisions,<sup>21</sup> 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.<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.<sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.<sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Everything about the Gifts of the Spirit and the Fruit of the Spirit is Supernatural! Let me explain...

## 1. The Fruit of the Spirit is the One thing we can't Fake in our Faith Walk!

- a. When we live our lives in and through the Holy Spirit, others will recognize that you have fruit that is contrary to your humanity!
- b. But say this with me, "There is a difference between Leaves and Fruit!" Let me explain...

c. Matthew 21:18-20, <sup>18</sup>“In the morning, as he was returning to the city, he became hungry. <sup>19</sup>And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he went to it and found nothing on it but only leaves. And he said to it, “May no fruit ever come from you again!” And the fig tree withered at once. <sup>20</sup>When the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, “How did the fig tree wither at once?”

d. When the leaves of our lives draw people to us but the fruit of our lives doesn't impact people then we are just as this fig tree noted in Matthew 21; we have the signs of fruitfulness without the fruit. Two Interesting Parallels:

i. Adam and Eve - Covered with leaves but not Fruitful

ii. Jesus - Fig Tree - Covered with leaves but not fruitful

e. Leaves are signs of fruitfulness but without the fruit, the leaves are deceptive.

f. You can have leaves without fruit but you can't have fruit without leaves; we must both bear the Sign and the Substance of our Faith in Christ!

g. 1 Timothy 3:1-5, “But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. <sup>2</sup> For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.”

h. What does Paul say? “Avoid such people” Avoid those who have leaves but no fruit. Avoid those who have a form of Godliness but deny the power thereof. This is the reason why Jesus cursed the fig tree and this is the very same reason that we must bear fruit. He expects more from us than Leaves...

## 2. Your Gifts may get You some Attention but Your Fruit is what People will Remember about You!

- a. It must be understood that Gifts are great but Fruit requires daily tending...
- b. Psalm 92:12-15, <sup>12</sup>“The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. <sup>13</sup>They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. <sup>14</sup>They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, <sup>15</sup>to declare that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.”
- c. Your Fruit in the Spirit is what makes you memorable!
- d. The Generations to come will remember us not for just the gifts that we demonstrated but also the fruit that we bore!
- e. The old adage is true when noted, “People will always remember you for the way that you made them feel.”
- f. Could it be that the Gifts of the Spirit has a longer lasting impact in the lives of others when we manifest the Fruit of the Spirit?

### 3. The Fruit of the Spirit will Protect You when Your Gifts aren't Received!

- a. Your Fruit will always out last the Attack!
- b. Matthew 10:11-15, <sup>11</sup>“And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. <sup>12</sup>As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup>And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup>And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.”
- c. The Character of Christ in you will guard you when you are not Received by others!
  - i. Everyone is not going to like you!
- d. The Character of Christ in you will guard you when your Character is being Attacked!
  - i. Everyone is not for you!
- e. The Character of Christ in you will guard you when enter a place and your peace has to return to you!

- i. Not every place reserves the right to demand your peace!
- f. Sometimes you have to shake the dust off and walk on!
  - i. Cutting ties and moving on doesn't make you are the lesser person; it simply means that you have gained insight into the fact that you are not valued. So don't feel bad about maintaining your worth and moving on from those who do not value you.