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## The fruit of the Spirit

**John 15:16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

- We are here because God chose us, we chose Him because He first chose us.
- The Lord had a plan for us, no one is here by accident or coincidence.
- He knew what he was getting if He chose us, yet He still chose me. (He knew that I was....).
- He chose you!!! circumstances sometimes will make you believe that you're not chosen but your chosen

**Philippians 1:6** being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

- But we must remain in Him
- If we remain, and are obedient, and are faithful, and consistent we will see the purposes of God
- Go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain
- This is the purpose of God is for us to be fruitful, **Genesis 1: 28** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it;
- From the beginning, this is the purpose of God and is the purpose of God today for you and me to be fruitful

## Fruit of the Spirit

- The fruit of the spirit is 1: LOVE Galatians 5 gives us a list of 8 separate fruits, but 8 separate characteristics of the one fruit of the Spirit LOVE
- There are differences between the gifts of the Spirit and the fruit of the spirit there is also a vital relationship between them
- Fruitful before having the gifts.
  - Paul made it very clear that the gifts of the Spirit are powerless without the fruit of the spirit
  - **1 Corinthians 13:1** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.
  - Love is the very essence of the fruit of the Spirit
  - The gift of tongues, prophecy, knowledge, wisdom, and faith mean nothing if they are not expressed in LOVE

**"When we show up with the true LOVE of God the devil has no argument or shield for it" Kenton Moody**

- The Gifts along with the fruit of the Spirit (LOVE) have great power and are useful in accomplishing the work of the Lord, and the edification of the saints.
- The Holy Spirit is concerned with expressing not only the power but both the power and character of Jesus Christ **in and through** every spirit-filled believer

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Galatians tells us about the fruits of the spirit but also tells us about the works of the flesh, the flesh is against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh

**Galatians 5: 19** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such, there is no law.

- Those who live according to the spirit produce good fruit.
- When a believer receives the Holy Spirit they also receive the ability to overcome the lust of the flesh

### Characteristics of the Fruit of the Spirit

#### Love

This is the chief characteristic of a believer **1 John 4:7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **8** He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

This is the evidence that one has been born of God

Inner evidence and outer evidence **John 13:35** By this all will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another.”

Jesus said in **Luke 6:27** “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, **28** bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

This is impossible with human strength or effort it is poured out into our hearts by the Spirit of God. **Romans 5:5** Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- Love is poured out into our hearts, it can only come from a person who is abiding in Christ and experiencing His Love
- We are commanded to love.
- Love is the fruit of the Spirit of God

We are not commanded to demand love from anyone **Romans 13:8** Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

- Let's continue to abide in Jesus so that we may be fruitful
- Love is the common denominator of all the Christian Character

#### Joy

Romans 14:17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

- Joy is love's reaction to God's mercies, blessings, and benefits
- (Joy is love being stirred up) an awakening of the soul
- The joy of the lord is not dependent on circumstances but on the Lord

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- The joy of the Lord, trusts God even during the storms, trying circumstances, and deepest valleys.
- Human joy looks like earthly things and is affected by our surroundings and conditions
- Joy is an expression of the fruit of the Spirit and it comes from the Lord unaffected by surroundings and conditions
- The true Christian life is joyful. **Nehemiah 8:10** Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”
- “Joy” and “rejoice” appear 430 times in the Bible
- Please feel free to rejoice in the Lord during worship. Some call it emotions and they are right. There is nothing wrong with some emotional worship expressed from a joyful heart.
- Christians who are filled with the Holy Spirit will sing joyfully, pray earnestly, preach with passion and zeal, testify forcefully, and give cheerfully.
- Have the difficulties and life, maybe mistakes, stubborn sinful habits robbed you of the joy of the Lord. Maybe we need to be like David maybe repent and ask the Lord **Psalms 51:12** restore unto me the joy of your salvation
- Are you going through trials get in the presence of God **Psalms 16:11** In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- There is the source of my joy, my father who had mercy on me.
- In His presence, there is fullness of joy.

### Peace

- peace is deeper than joy (Peace is love resting)
- Peace is not the absence of trouble but rather the certainty, and security of God's love, mercy, grace, and presence even during the greatest storm. **Psalms 23:4** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me;
- **John 14:27** Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
- Our peace is not dependent on the world because it was not given to us by the world
- The peace of the Lord will guard our hearts during difficulties, **Philippians 4:6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- Peace with God is ultimately the result of being justified by faith (Romans 5:1)
- Peace as an expression of the fruit of the Spirit (LOVE) is an inner characteristic that manifests itself not only as inner peace but as peace with others **Matthew 5:9** Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

### Longsuffering (patience)

Jems tells us that the testing of our faith **James 1:2** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

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But let patience have *its* perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

Patience is Love that does not get tired (untiring LOVE)

Patience is not a prevalent characteristic of the human spirit

But patience is a very special characteristic of God's love for us **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward [c]us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance

**Pslams 86:15** But You, O Lord, *are* a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

We need the help of the Holy Spirit to have Christ-like longsuffering.

### Kindness

**Ephesians 2:7** *7* that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

- The Bible describes frequently that God deals with us with kindness
- Kindness is a characteristic of the fruit of the Spirit (LOVE) love in action
- Unkindness may discredit the ministry or testimony of believers

**1 Corinthians 13:4** *love suffers long and is kind*

Especially in reaching out and sharing the Gospel expressing truth, yet demonstrating loving-kindness, is a powerful manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit

### Goodness

Goodness is love in action (expressed)

Goodness shown to others

Actively doing good to bless and benefit others **Luke 6:45** *A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good;*

The church's ministry is actively doing good, benevolence, organizations, and natural disasters.

Individually the Bible calls us to do good **Galatians 6:9** *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

### Faithfulness

Love on the battlefield

**Matthew 25: 21** His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

Those who bear the fruit of loving faithfulness will be faithful to the Lord, to their covenants, their callings, promises, duties, and obligations.

To the Lord, the Lord's house, the Lord's people, the unsaved

### Gentleness

Love under discipline

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**Matthew 11:29** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.”

gentleness and meekness have more to do with power under control

Those who are meek are submissive to the will of God, and the

**Luke 22:41** And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed, **42** saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done

This characteristic of love says not mine but yours

Submitting to the perfect will of God

### Self-control

Love in training

This characteristic of the fruit of the spirit is one of if not the most important one

**Proverbs 16:32** “ Better a patient person that a warrior, one with self-control than on who takes a city..

Self-control is true self-love. One that is respected, he that considers his body a temple of the Holy Spirit, this individual will demonstrate control over his own impulses. True Self-control is control not only when it comes to food and drinks but in fact over every area of one's life.

Self-control means complete control of one's self. Control of anger, carnal passions, ungodly appetite, egotism (ego) selfishness. Before one can govern a city, community, club, church, or nation you must first have the ability to be able to govern your own spirit.

Paul speaks on this admirably in his letters to the Corinthians. He says :

**1 Corinthians 9:27** But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

The danger of not having self-control

**proverbs 25:28** Whoever *has* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city broken down, without walls.

How can we grow the fruit of the Spirit

Jesus Abide in me