



Fruit of the Spirit

Session 5 – “The Fruit of Patience”

Galatians 5:16-23 (NKJV) – ¹⁶ I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: ^[a]adultery, ^[b]fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, ^[c]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 ^[d]gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

I. REVIEW

- A. Previous weeks – The fruit of love and joy
- B. Last Week – Peace
- C. The Spirit of God in us produces joy and peace that comes from within
- D. Our joy and peace are not connected to circumstances but God’s joy and peace dwelling in us

II. The Fruit of Patience

- A. **James 1:4 (KJV)** – *But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*
 - 1. James speaks of patience having an important role in our life.
 - 2. Make patience your friend
 - 3. When patience is developed and has gone FULL TERM – you will be mature, whole, lacking nothing



4. **Hebrews 10:36 (KJV)** – *For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.*
5. **Hebrews 6:12 (NIV)** – *We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.*
6. Patience is a KEY FACTOR in possessing our inheritance

B. Patience goes against the Flesh

1. The flesh doesn't like to WAIT on anyone or anything
2. The FRUIT of the SPIRIT is patience
3. Impatience is a work of the Flesh
4. Developing and following the fruit of patience will keep you out of trouble
5. The Kingdom of God doesn't work like a convenience store or a microwave.
6. Kingdom things – Things from God – TAKE TIME
7. The FRUIT of PATIENCE – keeps us from missing God!
8. There are many things that we miss because we are not willing to wait on the Lord.

C. 2 Peter 1:5-6 (KJV) – *⁵And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; ⁶And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;*

1. Faith is our foundation
2. We are to ADD to our foundation
3. Patience is to be added to our faith
4. Faith requires the fruit of patience – to get results
5. Faith without patience will fall short prior to seeing the manifestation.
 - a. Healing faith – requires patience
 - b. Specific needs being met – requires patience
 - c. Open doors – require patience
 - d. Promotion – requires patience



6. Faith and Patience working together see things through until the manifestation comes
7. **Hebrews 10:23 (KJV)** – *Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised; **HOLD FAST***
8. Don't let the clock or calendar get involved in your faith!
We must get our eyes off o the clock and calendar if we are to receive the promise!

D. Why Patience?

1. Hindrances from Satan

- a. **1 Thessalonians 2:18 (KJV)** – *Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.*
- b. **Romans 15:22 (KJV)** – *For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you.*
- c. Satan can't stop us, but he will attempt to hinder us
- d. Satan's #1 way of stopping you is to go after the Word in your heart, IF he can steal the word from your heart, he stops your faith – If he stops your faith – you never receive your manifestation of your faith.
- e. Satan will talk you out of your miracle by pointing out that nothing seems to be happening.
- f. BE PATIENT – and refuse to allow Satan to distract you by his lies.
- g. Paul says often – We are not moved by the hindrances that have been set before us!
- h. **2 Corinthians 2:14 (KJV)** – *Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.*

2. Hindrances from Circumstances

- a. Paul encountered many circumstances (Storms, imprisonments, etc)
- b. Paul never gave up, but always believed for God's plan to prevail
- c. If circumstances come, Don't quit!
- d. Quitting is not an option.



- e. You will need the fruit of patience to deal with the circumstances of life

3. Waiting on God's Perfect Plan and His Timing

- a. Abraham and Sarah created an Ishmael because of a lack of faith and patience
- b. Impatience will cause you to PUSH wrong doors open
- c. Impatience will put you in the WRONG place
- d. Impatience will cause you to miss God's best
- e. The fruit of patience will allow you to wait on God's best
- f. How many of you have missed God because you lacked the fruit of patience?
 - My time to come to London as a minister
 - Closed Doors that I now see as a blessing from God