

# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

## I. Goodness

Synonyms:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### Mark 10:18

“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good - except God alone.”

No one is good \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 1;18 – 2;16 / 3;9 – 3;23)

It is the \_\_\_\_\_ inside of us that makes us “Good.”

### Titus 2; 11-12

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,.....”

### Titus 3; 1-2

“Remind people to:

1. Be subject to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, to be \_\_\_\_\_,
2. To be ready to do whatever is \_\_\_\_\_,
3. To \_\_\_\_\_ *no one*,
4. To be peaceful and \_\_\_\_\_,
5. And to show \_\_\_\_\_ toward all men.”

See more: 1 John 3; 11-21 / James 2; 14-25 / Colossians 3; (all of it)

## II. Faithfulness

Synonyms:

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- \_\_\_\_\_

### Hebrews 10; 23-24

“Let us \_\_\_\_\_ to the hope we profess, for \_\_\_\_\_ is faithful.”

### Colossians 1; 21-23

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – if you:

- Continue in your faith,
- Established and firm,
- Not moved from the hope held out in the gospel,.....”

### **2 Timothy 2: 10-13**

“Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they may to obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we \_\_\_\_\_ with him, we will also \_\_\_\_\_ with him;

If we \_\_\_\_\_, we will also \_\_\_\_\_ with him;

If we \_\_\_\_\_ him, he will also \_\_\_\_\_ us;

If we are faithless, he will \_\_\_\_\_, for he cannot \_\_\_\_\_.”

If nothing else, remember that faithfulness is not just for your \_\_\_\_\_, but also the \_\_\_\_\_ of others.

See more: **Romans 4 / Hebrews 12 / 2 Corinthians 4 / Ephesians 6: 10-17**

### **III. Gentleness**

Synonyms:

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 5:5** (The “Sermon on the Mount” – an intro to a whole new way of life and faith)

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth,”

“Meek?”..... How about “\_\_\_\_\_.”

**Matthew 11:28-29**

“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and \_\_\_\_\_, for I am \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

**Luke 11:46** (Don't be this guy)

“Jesus replied, “And you experts in the law (the religious leaders), woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.”

**Romans 12:**

**Vs 3** “For by the grace given to me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourselves more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourselves with sober judgement.....”

**Vs 9** “Love must be sincere. Hate \_\_\_\_\_ is evil, cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.....”

**Vs 16** “Live in harmony with one another. Do not be \_\_\_\_\_, but be willing to associate with people of \_\_\_\_\_ . Do not be \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Vs 18** “If it is possible, \_\_\_\_\_, live at peace with everyone.”

See more: **Romans 12**, the whole chapter. In fact, go read the entire book

#### IV. Self-Control

##### Proverbs 25:28

“Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control.”

NO ONE WANTS TO HEAR THIS ONE

##### Acts 24:25

“As Paul discoursed on righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and said ‘That’s enough for now! You may leave. When I find it convenient, I will send for you.’”

##### Galatians 5:17-18

“For the flesh (sinful nature) desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They conflict with each other, so that you do not (just go do whatever) what you want. But you are led by the Spirit.....”

##### 2 Timothy 1:6-7

“For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a

1. Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_,
2. Of \_\_\_\_\_,
3. And of \_\_\_\_\_”

##### **Key points**

- We have been given the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We have been given the \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- This is for \_\_\_\_\_ glory, not our own \_\_\_\_\_.

**Where do we start?**

##### James 3:2-12

See more: **Romans 7 / 1 Thessalonians 4:1-11 / 1 Corinthians**

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## vs. CONTINUATIONISM

- I. \_\_\_\_\_ - a doctrine that spiritual gifts such as speaking in tongues, prophecy and healing ceased with the Apostolic Age
- A. Arguments from Scripture
    1. *Ephesians 2:20* – the church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets...
    2. *Jude 3* – delivered to the saints, once for all
    3. *1 Corinthians 13:8-10* – prophecy, tongues, knowledge cease...
    4. *Hebrews 1:1-2* – Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son
  - B. Objections
    1. Not a scripture heavy doctrine
    2. This doctrine was not generally developed until the 1500s
    3. The gifts are taught to the New Testament churches
    4. You have to explain around many New Testament verses to avoid spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 14:1)
- II. **Continuationism** - a Christian theological belief that the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the spiritual gifts, have continued to the present age and will continue until the return of Jesus Christ
- A. Arguments from Scripture
    1. *1 Corinthians 1:7* – so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
    2. *John 14:12* – greater works than Jesus
    3. *1 Corinthians 12:4-11* – varieties of gifts, same Spirit. Spirit gives to each as He wills.
    4. *1 Corinthians 12:27-30* – earnestly desire the greater gifts
    5. *1 Corinthians 13:9-10* – until that which is perfect comes
    6. *Ephesians 4:11-16* – until we attain full measure of Christ
    7. *Acts 2:16-18* – Joel prophecy
    8. Throughout the New Testament there is description, discussion, demonstration and emphasis of spiritual gifts (Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12-14; Acts 2, 8,10,13,19; Gal. 3; 1 Thess. 5)
  - B. Objections
    1. The authority of prophecy
    2. The judgment of prophecy (Deut. 13; 18)
    3. Abuse / Messy
    4. We do not see healings, the miraculous, as spoken of in the Apostolic Age

Cessationism	vs	Continuationism
Miracles, prophecy and tongues has ceased		Miracles, prophecy and tongues continues on
Such gifts only establish apostle's authority		Such gifts have several purposes (common good)
Don't see gifts after the apostles' time		Those other than apostles had such gifts
Foundation laid makes gifts irrelevant		Christ's fullness is distributed through gifts

**III. Compromise: Gifts have not “ceased” but are not “normative”**

- A. Question 1: Why then should we earnestly desire these gifts? (1 Corinthians 12:27-31)
- B. Question 2: Why shouldn't these gifts be normative? (Matthew 17:14-20)

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## Q&A

### I. Common Questions

- A. Can I be a believer and never be baptized in the Holy Spirit?
- B. Doesn't this Baptism in the Holy Spirit doctrine create a 2-tiered Christianity view?
- C. Are you saying that I can't be used mightily by God unless I'm baptized in the Holy Spirit?
- D. Is baptism in the Holy Spirit a one-time event? I.e., is it something I can lose, or get un-baptized?
- E. How do I know I'll receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit if I pray for it?
- F. Do I HAVE to speak in tongues to be baptized in the Holy Spirit?
- G. Isn't praying or speaking in tongues just losing control and acting indecently? Why would a God of order want me to speak gibberish that I don't even understand?
- H. I prayed to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, but I haven't prayed in tongues at all. What now?
- I. Does praying in tongues need interpretation?

## WALKING THE SPIRIT FILLED LIFE

### I. THIS WOULD BE EASIER IF YOU STOPPED STRUGGLING.

***Amos 3:3***

Can two walk together unless they are agreed?

***John 15:4-5***

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

### II. THIS IS GOING TO HURT A LITTLE.

"The man or woman who loves sin can have sin, but they will never at the same time have the companionship of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is holy, and He makes the place holy where He dwells. He does not require a holy place to come in, but He requires that you are willing that that place *should* be holy." – A.W. Tozer

***1 Peter 1:14-16***

So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. <sup>15</sup> But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. <sup>16</sup> For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

### III. LET ME KNOW HOW THAT WORKS OUT FOR YOU.

"No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good." – C.S. Lewis

***Romans 8:5-8***

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

***Proverbs 14:12***

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.

#### IV. YOU'LL GROW INTO IT.

We won't accidentally forget what's critically important

***Galatians 3:3***

Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

***Exodus 33:15-16***

And he said to him, "If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?"

#### V. HOW BADLY DO YOU DESIRE GOD?

"If you don't feel strong desires for the manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because you have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Your soul is stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great." – John Piper

***Psalms 63:1***

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

"We cannot think our way into the filling of the Spirit. We have to close our eyes and make the leap of faith into the arms of God. After every trick and everything you know to move toward God has failed and your desperate heart cries, "Fill me now, fill me now," then you move into that zone where human reason has to be suspended for a moment and the human heart leaps across into the arms of God. Then human talent and human glory and human honor and human duty and human favor all go out into the darkness of yesterday, and everything is God's honor, God's glory, God's duty, and God's favor. You have been broken and melted before God." – A.W. Tozer

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