

**Q: Did God Call Us To Simply Know
The Fruit of The Spirit**

A: No

Q: What Did He Call Us To Be

“BE Fruitful”

**Counter False
Legalism**

BE

FRUITFUL

**Prevent Moral
Chaos**

**Evidence of
Transformation**

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control.



Fruit Check

Scripture Reading: John 15:5-8



CHURCH OF CHRIST

at
Long Creek

What's Really Growing In You

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No Legal Limit on Virtue



Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control.

Against such there is no law.

**Laws Exist To Restrain bad behavior, set boundaries
and punish wrong doing**

2 Cor 3:6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; **for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.**

We Have Work To Do; What's Really Growing In Each Of Us

**If You Are Driven By The Spirit You Naturally Live
Above The Law**



BE

FRUITFUL



When Is God Glorified



John 15:5-8 “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me **you can do nothing.** ⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ **By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples**

Things Jesus Did Not Say Glorify God

Your Church Attendance Bible Knowledge Size Of Your Offering
Ministry Participation Longevity In The Faith Sunday Attire

Visibly Seen and Felt Evidence of Transformation



The Fruit of Love



Jesus was

The

The father

Just Because

Love/Cover

Did God Call Us To Just Know The Fruit of Love?

A Tired Mother of a Child After A Long Day of Work

What Makes You Get Up, Serve, Care For, Play With Your Child

Who have you stopped Loving Because of Difficulty or Inconvenience

Who have you stopped **serving**?

Who needs your **forgiveness**?

Who Needs your **AGAPE** Love?

Who Has God Put In Your Life That Is Difficult To Love

“Have you ever needed someone to love you when you

didn't deserve it?”



The Fruit of Joy



Paul and Silas singing in prison (**Acts 16:25**) What is the source of your (**Delight, contentment, gratification, glee**)

Jesus enduring the cross “for the joy set before Him” (**Hebrews 12:2**) He knew that

David rejoiced in his affliction and said, “My goodness, do not make your anger hot against me, O Lord.”

The Christian's Joy **John 15:11** **Matt 5:16**

Who has gone through a hard season and discovered

God was still faithful

People Are Watching How You Respond In The Storm

Will They See Praise or Will They See Panic

Your Joy May Be The Sermon Someone Else Needs To Hear



The Fruit of Peace



Jesus see (Mark 6:48) If Jesus see you, you're never alone

Jesus process (Mark 6:50) Calmed their hearts first

Isaiah 53:1-33

Did Call Us To Just Know

The Fruit of Peace?

I Rather
Some
trust God to pro
use you

Abigail stopping conflict between David and Nabal 1 Sam 25

She Made haste (1 Sam 25:18) she understood the assignment

She counseled David (1 Sam 25:23-31) Don't let this moment defined you (See the fool in this situation)

Find Peace In Christ, Peace With Others, Make Peace



The Fruit of Patience



God's patience with Israel **Exodus 34:6**: The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, **longsuffering**, and abounding in goodness and truth.

Patience Is Not A Virtue We Professionally Show;

Did Call Us To Just Know

The Fruit of Patience?

Roman

disobedient and

Has God Been God Been Patient With You

Spiritual Farmers Needed

A farmer plants seed and **does not dig it up every morning** asking why it hasn't grown.



The Fruit of Goodness



Joseph resisting temptation (**Gen 39:9**) Value God

Daniel refusing compromise (**Daniel 1:8**) Refusal

Barnabas, called “a good man” (**Acts 11:24**) Reputation

**Did Call Us To Just Know
The Fruit of Goodness?**

Would your private life support your public testimony?

Who Are You Morally When Nobody Is Watching



The Fruit of Faithfulness



Trouble In My Ways.....

I Have Some Good Days.....

Have Anybody Every felt like quitting

Faith Keeps Showing Up

Faith Is Built One Step At A Time, One Season At A Time

Faith: The substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen (Heb 11:1)

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing. 2 Tim 4:6-8



The Fruit of Gentleness



Jesus restoring Peter after his denial (**John 21:15-19**)

Gentleness Reaches Out

Jesus **found Peter** doing what he knew best—fishing

Jesus **didn't wait for Peter** to come searching for Him

Jesus **prepared** breakfast for the disciples (John 21:9)

What Jesus Did Not Do Or Say

Why did you **fail** me You a **disappointment** Everybody **hear** this

Gentleness Tells The Truth But Never Seek To Humiliate

We Need Surgeons

Can We Correct **Without** Crushing

What Holds It All Together

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Galatians 5:22-23

SELF-CONTROL

Like a horse
that is restrained
by a bridle,
self-control brings
strength under
control.

PROVERBS 25:28

