

The Fruits of the Spirit
Congregational Worksheet – Wednesday, February 13, 2008

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Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Now, here we have a list of 9 different things that are classified as The Fruits of The Spirit. In other words, this is a list of spiritual fruit that will be the result of someone _____ their flesh and allowing God to have complete _____ of their lives.

These 9 fruits will be exemplified in the life of someone who has truly surrendered all to Christ, and have said the same words that He did in the garden, when He cried out, "Not my will, but Thine be done".

***The following things are mentioned...**

1. LOVE. Love means to seek the highest good of another person without any type of _____ or _____ for personal gain.

For example, If I had a burden for Michael Jordan to get saved so that he could be set free from sin and spend eternity with God, that would be a display of my _____ for him.

But if I only desired him to get saved so that he could start coming to this church and pay his _____, so we could remodel the church, build a gym and youth center, and then increase Me and Sis. Parsons salary by 150 thousand a year... that wouldn't be love, that would be selfishness!!!

Love is The Fruit of The Spirit that enables you to prefer others before yourself. And this type of love is to be directed in 2 ways...

1. To _____. Where we love God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Love for God is where you want what He wants.
2. To our fellow _____. Where we love them as we love ourselves.

Love is the whole of Christianity in a nutshell., because when love is in place, _____ else that God commands will fall into place.

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2. JOY. The feeling of _____ that is based on the love, grace, and presence of God in a Christians life.

Joy is the result of someone living _____ close to God.

Unlike people that are unsaved, a Christian's "Joy" is not dependant on we are experiencing.

Our _____ is not based off of what _____ to us.

Because our joy is not based on what we are experiencing in the natural, but it is based on what we have experienced in the spiritual.

Joy is what _____ Paul and Silas to sing hymns and shout praises after they had been beaten and locked up in a Phillipian jail.

When a Christian possesses the Joy of The Lord, it _____ with them no matter what they are experiencing and no matter what they are going through, and Jesus said in John 15:11 that it is His desire for every Christian to have His joy remain in them, and that their joy might be full.

The Bible says that Joy is what we draw our strength from...

Neh 8:10 ... neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.

3. PEACE. The _____ of heart and mind that comes from a person knowing without a doubt that they are in right standing with God.

The verb form of this word in the Greek is where we get our old expression "having it all together". Showing us that when a person has the fruit of peace in their lives, it is the result of them having everything spiritually _____ like it ought to be.

Governments are said to be at peace when there is an _____ of war. And it is the same way with the soul of man!!!

When a person experiences salvation, they are no longer alienated from God, or the _____ of Christ that Ephesians chapter 2 describes them to be. But when a person repents of their sins and they surrender their wills, they are brought into peace with God.

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4. LONGSUFFERING. Means to display _____ and patience during a difficult time.

It pertains to a person being _____ to anger or despair and it is describing a person who is willing to remain faithful during situations that are irritating and painful.

When a person has The Fruit of Longsuffering in their lives, they will have the _____ to patiently put up with the faults and frailties of others, without complaining about them or resenting them in any way.

In Psalm 86:15 we are told that God is “slow to anger”, and He expects His children to be the same.

Something that will help us to be more _____ to be Longsuffering to those around us is the truth that is found in 2 Peter 3:9...

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

That verse describes the type of Longsuffering that we should display to others, despite what they may do to us.

Longsuffering is a key element when it comes to maintaining _____
In The Body of Christ.

Eph 4:2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;
Eph 4:3 Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

5. GENTLENESS. Means not wanting to hurt someone or give them pain, whether it be _____ or _____.

This Fruit of The Spirit is the exact opposite of malice, which is when you do something with the deliberate intention of hurting them.

Gentleness is what Paul was referring to when he said...

Eph 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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Gentleness relates to a tender concern for others.

And in 1 Thess. 2: 7-8, we see that this is to be the fruit that is displayed from a _____ saint to a _____ as that new believer is learning to grow.

1Th 2:7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

1Th 2:8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

*Notice it doesn't say that they expected a 2 week old saint to _____ like a 15 year old saint!!! Or to _____ like a 15 year old saint!!!
But they were willing to be Gentle with them and work with them where they were and let them grow from there.

6. GOODNESS. Means to have “God-like” character.

It means to _____ what God likes, and _____ what God hates.

It is important to note that this Fruit of The Spirit can manifest itself in 2 major ways...

1. It can be expressed through the proclamation of God's promises, or the “_____” things that people don't mind hearing...
Such as God's protection, His provision, divine healing, Heaven.

2. It can be expressed by _____ someone or explaining to them about things like Hell, judgment, or their sinful condition.

Just as God proclaims a balanced message because of His Goodness, if we have The Fruit of Goodness in our lives, we will do the same thing.

It's important to note something that MacAurther said concerning The Fruit of Goodness...

He said, “Goodness is a moral and spiritual excellence that is known by it's _____ and it's _____ kindness”.

In other words, Goodness is a working faith, that does things the right way.

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7. FAITH. Now the word Faith can refer to a lot of different things in The Word of God, such as...

_____ in something, _____ to receive something, or _____ that something will come to pass.

But in this verse it is referring to “A firm and _____ loyalty”.

This word could easily be translated “Faithfulness”.

A perfect example of this is found in the life of Paul, where he said...

2Ti 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:

2Ti 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

It means to be dedicated, devoted, committed, and completely consecrated to God and God alone.

The same Greek word for this Fruit of The Spirit that we are to possess, is the same word found in 1 Thess 5:24, where it says...

1Th 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.

Meaning that _____ should be as loyal to God as _____ is to us!!!

8. MEEKNESS. Means to be so _____ of heart towards God and man that you _____ yourself.

But it also means that while you refrain yourself you do it with strength and courage.

For instance, let’s say that Bro. Maurer is the toughest man in the world, and someone came up to him and tried to pick a fight with him.

And the whole time Bro. Maurer realized that he could beat that guy like a little girl, but because he was Meek, he didn’t.

Instead he let his _____ keep himself _____.

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9. TEMPERANCE. To have _____ or _____ over your own desires and passions

A more modern term that we could use to translate this word would be _____.

Temperance is one of The Qualifications of A Minister...

Tit 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

Tit 1:8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, **temperate**;

It refers to the ability to control yourself in any given situation.

It means to control your _____.

***EXAMPLES:**

Being Temperate means that if someone says something hurtful to you, you don't say anything back to them or talk bad about them to someone else.

Being Temperate means that if someone does you wrong, whether it was intentional or not, you don't retaliate in any way.

Why? Because you have _____ of yourself.

People that have The Fruit of Temperance in their lives, regardless of whatever situation they might be in, control the words that they say and the things that they do, because they don't let their temper get control of them, but they have control of it!!!

*Temperance can also apply to a persons _____ life as well.

For example, if you have temperance in your life, you won't assume the worst about others, but you will gladly give them the _____ of the doubt.

Because when you have The Fruit of Temperance active in your life, you control your thoughts from "wandering" in a wrong direction.