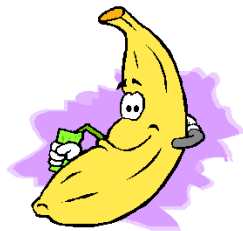


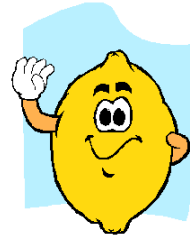
THE FRUIT



Love



Temperance



Meekness



Joy



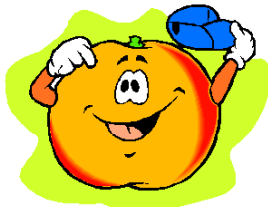
Faith



Peace



Goodness



Longsuffering



Gentleness

OF THE SPIRIT

INTRODUCTION:

“The Fruit of the Spirit” is made up of Nine Blessings that Christians will manifest or bear in their lives, **if** they will walk in and are led of the Holy Spirit. “The Fruit of the Spirit” begins with Love, followed by Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance. Since the “Fruit” follows in order, I believe without Love, one cannot have Joy or Peace, etc.

Gal 5:22-23

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

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

COMMENTARY:

The following are just a few of the Scriptures that give examples as to what each “Fruit of the Spirit” consists of:

LOVE:

1 Jn 4:16

16 ...God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

1 Cor 13:1-3

1 **Though I speak with** the tongues of men and of angels, **and have not charity** (Love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling 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, **and have not charity** (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, **and have not charity** (Love), **it profiteth me nothing**.

1 Cor 13:8

8 **Charity** (Love) **never faileth**:

JOY:

Neh 8:10

10 ...neither be ye sorry; **for the joy of the LORD is your strength**.

Ps 16:11

11 ...**in thy presence is fulness of joy**;...

PEACE:

Isa 26:3

3 **Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee**: because he trusteth in thee.

Phil 4:7

7 **And the peace of God**, which passeth all understanding, **shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus**.

LONGSUFFERING:

Eph 4:1-2

1 **I therefore**, the prisoner of the Lord, **beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called**,

2 With all lowliness and meekness, **with longsuffering**, forbearing one another in love;

Col 1:10-11

10 **That ye might walk worthy of the Lord** unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, **unto all patience and longsuffering** with joyfulness;

GENTLENESS:

2 Tim 2:24

24 **And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men**, apt to teach, patient,

Titus 3:2

2 To speak evil of no man, **to be no brawlers, but gentle**, shewing all meekness unto all men.

GOODNESS:

2 Chr 6:41

41 ...let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and **let thy saints rejoice in goodness**.

Ps 23:6

6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life**: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

FAITH:

1 Tim 1:5

5 **Now the end of the commandment is charity (Love) out of a pure heart**, and of a good conscience, **and of faith unfeigned**:

Gal 5:6

6 **For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing**, nor uncircumcision; **but faith which worketh by love**.

MEEKNESS:

Matt 5:5

5 **Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth**.

Gal 6:1

1 Brethren, **if a man be overtaken in a fault**, ye which are spiritual, **restore such an one in the spirit of meekness**; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

TEMPERANCE:

1 Cor 9:25

25 **And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things**. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; **but we an incorruptible**.

2 Pet 1:5-6

5 **And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue**; and to virtue knowledge;

6 **And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience**; and to patience godliness;

The "Fruit" unlike the "Gifts" of the Spirit, which never leave us (Romans 11:29), can come and go as a result of our walk. When we Christians get into the 'flesh', it becomes evident that we no longer bear the "Fruit of the Spirit". The more we backslide, the more obvious it becomes.

The answer is to follow the Leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Prov 8:19 (God's Fruit)

19 **My fruit is better than gold**, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.

Matt 12:33 (We are known by our Fruit)

33 Either **make the tree good, and his fruit good**; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: **for the tree is known by his fruit.**

Luke 13:6-9 (A warning - if we bear no Fruit)

6 He spake also this parable; **A certain man had a fig tree** planted in his vineyard; and he came **and sought fruit thereon, and found none.**

7 **Then said he** unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years **I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down**; why cumbereth it the ground?

8 And he answering said unto him, **Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it:**

9 **And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.**

In order to continue to bear "The Fruit of the Spirit", we must not walk after the flesh, but we must walk in the Spirit and be led of the Spirit!

Rom 8:1

1 **There is therefore now no condemnation to them** which are in Christ Jesus, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

Rom 8:4

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**

Rom 8:14

14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

Gal 5:16

16 **This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

Gal 5:18

18 **But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.**

Gal 5:25

25 **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**

CONCLUSION:

The results of having "The Fruit of the Spirit" in our lives as Christians, is that we will be walking in all Holiness, Goodness, Righteousness and Truth.

Rom 6:22

22 **But now being made free from sin**, and become servants to God, **ye have your fruit unto holiness**, and the end everlasting life.

Eph 5:9

9 **(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)**

James 3:18

18 **And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.**

Phil 1:11

11 **Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.**

However, even when we are walking in the Spirit, don't be surprised when we are still chastened by the Lord!

Heb 12:11

11 **Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.**

Amen!
Timothy II