

Fruits of the Holy Spirit Introduction

Gal 5:16-26

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: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envy, 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 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

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

26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

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What is it to be fruitful? When we think about the being fruitful, we wonder about our quotas, how many souls did I lead to the Lord, we look upon the works of the ministry, so that we may off this to God.

The wrong mindsets of fruitfulness, or the Fruit of the Spirit

1). You receive them by prayer

2). You are born with them

3). They are not gifts

4). They really don't matter

Def: Fruit –

FRUIT (BEAR), FRUITFUL, UNFRUITFUL

1. karpos NT:2552, "fruit," is used (I) of the fruit of trees, fields, the earth, that which is produced by the inherent energy of a living organism, e. g., Matt 7:17; James 5:7,18; plural, e. g., in Luke 12:17 [for the next verse, see Note

2. (II), metaphorically,

(a) of works or deeds, "fruit" being the visible expression of power working inwardly and invisibly, the character of the "fruit" being evidence of the character of the power producing it, Matt 7:16.

The Works of the Flesh

As the visible expressions of hidden lusts are the works of the flesh, so the invisible power of the Holy Spirit in those who are brought into living union with Christ John 15:2-8,16 produces "the fruit of the Spirit

(b) of advantage, profit, consisting

(1) of converts as the result of evangelistic ministry, John 4:36; Rom 1:13; Phil 1:22;

(2) of sanctification, through deliverance from a life of sin and through service to God, Rom 6:22, in contrast to

(3) the absence of anything regarded as advantageous as the result of former sins, v. 21;

(4) of the reward for ministration to servants of God, Phil 4:17;

(5) of the effect of making confession to God's Name by the sacrifice of praise, Heb 13:15.

I. Note the Contrast between Works and Fruit.

A. Work is the result of effort being put forth.

1. A machine in a factory works, and turns out a product.
2. But you cannot manufacture fruit.
3. You may be able to imitate and counterfeit color, shape, smell, and even taste...but it is still a manufactured product.

B. Fruit is the natural result of proper growth.

1. "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so." cf Ge. 1:11
2. God created all in this manner.
3. He commanded Adam & Eve to be fruitful and multiply that the earth might be filled.
4. When Jesus came upon the fig tree, He expected it to be bearing figs.
5. If a couple are unable to have children, the concern is that something is wrong!
6. Fruit-bearing is the natural result of proper growth.

C. Fruit is the manifestation of character.

1. Jesus said, "The tree is known by its fruit." cf Mt. 12:33
2. The men who went into the promised land to spy brought back the fruit of the land to illustrate the marvelous character of that place. cf Nu. 13:26
3. Speaking of those who would be His disciples Jesus said, "Ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples." cf Jn. 15:8
4. Whether it is the tree, the land, or the person...their character is manifested by their fruit.

II. The Fruit of the Spirit.

A. Note that this is the fruit of the Spirit.

1. That means that it is not worked up by our efforts...
2. Rather, it is the natural result of an individual's growth in the Spirit.
3. This is what should happen in our lives as a direct result of the indwelling Spirit, being filled with the Spirit, and walking or being led by the Spirit.

B. Note the divisions of qualities.

1. The first three deals with our relation to our Heavenly Father.

- a. This is Divine love, not sensual love or brotherly love.
- b. Then joy...that inward peace and sufficiency that is not effected by outward circumstances.
- c. Then comes peace...and Paul wrote that it was the peace that passeth all understanding.

2. The next three have to do with our relationship to others.

- a. Longsuffering: courageous endurance without quitting.
- b. Gentleness: kindness to others.
- c. Goodness: this is love in action.

Note: A believer who is filled with the Holy Spirit will be longsuffering and will not seek to avenge himself. He will be kind and gentle, even with the most offensive. And he will sow goodness where others sow evil. Human nature cannot accomplish these things...this is the manifestation of the Spirit of God.

3. The final three deal with our relationship to ourselves.

- a. Faith: dependability.
- b. Meekness: this is the right use of power and authority under control.

Note: Meekness does not equal weakness; Jesus was meek, but He wasn't weak!

An evidence of death – except the seed die and is planted

John 12:24

24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

We must operate on a new life, not a cover, but the old must die so that real fruit can come forth.

The necessity of grace – The holy Spirit maintains a healthy atmosphere

We are given every privilege for the yielding of fruit in our lives. In other words we are not to try to squeeze blood out of a turnip, but life from the Spirit of God, who is the maker of life.

John 15:2

2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

The manifestation of character – The tree is known by...

Matt 7:19

19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Matt 7:16

16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

If the Holy Spirit is dwelling in us, then the fruit of the Spirit is to be witnessed through us.

It is the result of abundance of life –

Hos 14:8

O Ephraim, what more have I to do with idols?

I will answer him and care for him.

I am like a green pine tree;

your fruitfulness comes from me."

Jesus said that he has come that we might have life, and life more abundantly. Fruit can only come from where there is life to spare. Where there is more than is needed for self support. Fruit is an OVERFLOW of our satisfied soul. **Fruit comes from an overflowing life.**

The outcome of steadfast abiding

John 15:4 Remain in me, and I will 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.

Eph 3:17

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

As we Abide in Christ, then we will not be a rootless, and fruitless tree. If the tree is rooted improperly, then it is barely surviving and cannot give any excess. Survival or Revival!

Something for the good of others – fruit is not for the good of the tree, but it is the good of the tree.

Fruits are for others, not for our show, but to bless God and glorify Him, nothing can be taken for credit if the Holy Spirit yielded, only our Works will be judged. Let your cup run over, let not the left hand see what the right hand is doing.

The object of the master's search – Luke 13:7 – behold I come seeking fruit

John 15:2-8

2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7 If you remain in me and my words

remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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Phil 1:11

11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ-to the glory and praise of God.

Heb 12:10-11

11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

The fruit is yielded, or that which is BROUGHT FORTH from character tapped into the living water.

Gal 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
[But the fruit of the Spirit] Both flesh-the sinful dispositions of the human heart and spirit-the changed or purified state of the soul, by the grace and Spirit of God, are represented by the apostle as trees, one yielding good the other bad fruit; the productions of each being according to the nature of the tree, as the tree is according to the nature of the seed from which it sprung. The bad seed produced a bad tree, yielding all manner of bad fruit; the good seed produced a good tree, bringing forth fruits of the most excellent kind. The tree of the flesh, with all its bad fruits, we have already seen; the tree of the Spirit, with its good fruits, we shall now see.

Introduction consist of...Power point

The way to experience fruit

The natural method of circulation – Gen 1:11

In John chapter 15 Jesus taught His disciples concerning the importance of bearing fruit. It is clear from this chapter that He wants us to bear fruit...more fruit...and much fruit, because this is the way we glorify Him. The word "fruit" is used in a number of different ways in the Scripture. It describes people won to Christ (Ro. 1:13), holy living (Ro. 6:22), gifts brought to God (Ro. 15:26-28), good works (Col. 1:10), and praise (Heb. 13:15). In our passage this evening the "fruit of the Spirit" has to do with character. It is the character of the Holy Spirit that God wants to see in our lives. So tonight, let's consider the matter of the fruit of the Spirit.

c. Temperance: self-control.

C. How to recognize counterfeits.

1. It is possible for the flesh to counterfeit some of the fruit of the Spirit.
2. But the flesh cannot produce the fruit of the Spirit!
3. When the Spirit produces fruit, God gets the glory.
4. When the flesh is at work, the person is inwardly proud of themselves and pleased when others compliment them.
 3. The fruit of the Spirit is to make us more like Christ for His glory, not for the praise of men.

If we are filled with the Holy Spirit, as we are commanded to be, the fruit of the Spirit will be evident in our lives. The character of Christ will flow out of our lives. Note: v19-21 The other side of the coin is seen here. If we aren't filled with the Spirit, then we are filled with selfishness and carnality. Which is it for us this evening? Why not come this evening and yield yourself to God, ask Him to fill you with His Holy Spirit, determine to walk with Him each step of the way.

, " Gal 5:22, the singular form suggesting the unity of the character of the Lord as reproduced in them, namely, "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, temperance," all in contrast with the confused and often mutually antagonistic "works of the flesh." So in Phil 1:11, marg., "fruit of righteousness." In Heb 12:11, "the fruit of righteousness" is described as "peaceable fruit," the outward effect of divine chastening; "the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace," James 3:18, i. e., the seed contains the fruit; those who make peace, produce a harvest of righteousness; in Eph 5:9, "the fruit of the light" (RV, and see context) is seen in *"goodness and righteousness and truth," as the expression of the union of the Christian with God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit); for God is good, Mark 10:18, the Son is "the righteous One," Acts 7:52, the Spirit is "the Spirit of truth," John 16:13;*

II. THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (5:16-26)

A. The conflict (5:16-18): Paul describes the fierce struggle within the believer.

1. The contenders (5:17-18)

a. The evil nature (5:17 a)

b. The Holy Spirit (5:17 b-18)

2. The council (5:16)

a. "Live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit" (5:16 a).

b. "Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves" (5:16 b).

B. The children (5:19-26)

1. The fruit of the flesh (5:19-21): Immorality, idolatry, hatred, discord, selfish ambition, envy, drunkenness, etc.

2. The fruit of the Spirit (5:22-26): Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

[Love] Agapee (NT:26). An intense desire to please God and to do good to mankind; the very soul and spirit of all true religion; the fulfilling of the law, and what gives energy to faith itself. See Gal 5:6.

[Joy] Chara (NT:5479). The exultation that arises from a sense of God's mercy communicated to the soul in the pardon of its iniquities, and the prospect of that eternal glory of which it has the foretaste in the pardon of sin. See Rom 5:2.

[Peace] Eireenee (NT:1515). The calm, quiet, and order, which take place in the justified soul, instead of the doubts fears, alarms, and dreadful forebodings, which every true penitent less or more feels, and must feel until the assurance of pardon brings peace and satisfaction to the mind. Peace is the first sensible fruit of the pardon of sin. See Rom 5:1, and the notes there.

[Long-suffering] Makrothumia (NT:3115). Long-mindedness, bearing with the frailties and provocations of others, from the consideration that God has borne long with ours; and that, if he had not, we should have been speedily consumed: bearing up also through all the troubles and difficulties of life without murmuring or repining; submitting cheerfully to every dispensation of God's providence, and thus deriving benefit from every occurrence.

[Gentleness] Chreestotees (NT:5544). Benignity, affability; a very rare grace, often wanting in many who have a considerable share of Christian excellence. A good education and polished manners, when brought under the influence of the grace of God, will bring out this grace with great effect.

[Goodness] Agathoosunee (NT:19). The perpetual desire and sincere study, not only to abstain from every appearance of evil, but to do good to the bodies and souls of men to the utmost of our ability. But all this must spring from a good heart—a heart purified by the Spirit of God; and then, the tree being made good, the fruit must be good also.

[Faith] Pistis (NT:4102), here used for fidelity-punctuality in performing promises, conscientious carefulness in preserving what is committed to our trust, in restoring it to its proper owner, in transacting the

business confided to us, neither betraying the secret of our friend, nor disappointing the confidence of our employer.

Gal 5:23

[Meekness] Prautees (NT:4240). Mildness, indulgence toward the weak and erring, patient suffering of injuries without feeling a spirit of revenge, an even balance of all tempers and passions, the entire opposite to anger.

[Temperance] Engkrateia (NT:1466). Continence, self-government, or moderation, principally with regard to sensual or animal appetites. Moderation in eating, drinking, sleeping, etc.

Several very respectable MSS., as D*EFG, with the Vulgate, most copies of the Itala and several of the fathers, add hagneia (NT:47), chastity. This we are sure cannot be separated from the genuine Christian character, though it may be included in the word engkrateia (NT:1466), continence or moderation, immediately preceding.

[Against such there is no law.] Those, whose lives are adorned by the above virtues, cannot be condemned by any law, for the whole purpose and design of the moral law of God is fulfilled in those who have the Spirit of God, producing in their hearts and lives the preceding fruits.