

## How many fruits of the Spirit does the scripture teach?

This will be a one-sided discussion regarding the nine fruits of the Spirit, as said by Paul, or the twelve fruits of the Spirit, as said by John. I would like to begin this thought with a warning: if anyone elevates Paul to the status of Christ by asserting that Paul only provided us with nine gifts and that a tenth gift cannot exist, please caution yourself that you are not excluding the Old Testament, where Christ is concealed. If we do, we will lose the New Testament Christ revealed. We must acknowledge that Paul's categorization of nine fruits does not necessarily preclude the existence of twelve fruits. We must consider whether it was obligatory for Paul to give all twelve.

What message was Paul attempting to convey? From whence did Paul derive his reflections on the nine gifts? We must maintain the integrity of Paul's work in relation to its intended audience. Paul made reference to Christ's teachings in **1 Thessalonians 5:21**, stating, "Examine all things; retain that which is good." **Galatians 6:4** Each individual should evaluate his own efforts, and subsequently, he will find satisfaction in himself alone, rather than in others.

Paul gained the understanding of the nine gifts from the prophets of the Old Testament, as he articulated in Romans 3:21: Nevertheless, both the law and the prophets attest to the revelation of God's righteousness apart from the law. Again in Rom 16:26; but now it's clear from what the prophets wrote, according to the will of the living Elohim, who has been revealed to all nations so that faith-believing people will obey:

What is the basis for my belief in the existence of twelve fruits of the Spirit and not nine? We will answer this with the letter of Revelation, which bears testimony to Yahshua Messiah. This letter serves as the definitive confirmation of His identity and purpose, encapsulating His deeds from Genesis chapter one to His return as King of Kings. For this topic, we are going to explore His most distinguishing characteristic from this letter, that He is the Tree of Life.

**Revelation 22:1**, He revealed to me a pristine river of the water of life, transparent as crystal, originating from the throne of Elohim and the Lamb.

**Revelation 22:2** The tree of life was situated at the center of the street and on both banks of the river. It produced twelve varieties of fruit, yielding its fruits monthly, and its leaves were for the healing of the nations.

Let us deepen our comprehension of these two scriptures through the examination of additional scriptural texts. We will employ scriptures in a deliberate sequence, excluding chapter and verse headings, to accurately identify the who, what, when, and where of the Tree of Life. The scriptures detail the narrative of the Tree of Life, which remains a consistent element throughout

the entirety of human history. It is essential to consider whether there exists a scripture that demonstrates the transformation of the Tree of Life from nine fruits to twelve. Alternatively, one might consider this question: Are the final three fruits among the nine but concealed during the grace age, intended solely for the purpose of healing humanity in the New Jerusalem?

This will be the books and chapters sequence for expressing the Tree of Life in the following paragraph:

1. Genesis 3:24    2. Revelation 2:7    3. Revelation 22:2    4. Revelation 21:6  
5. John 14:10    6. Revelation 22:14    7. John 6:64

1. So YAHWEH drove out the man, and He placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims and a flaming sword, which turned every way, to keep the way of the Tree of Life. 2. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; to him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of Elohim. 3. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bore twelve *manner of* fruits *and* yielded her fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations. 4. Yahshua declared to me, "It is complete." I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. 5. I will freely provide the water of life to anyone who is thirsty. I will freely provide the thirsty with the fountain of life's water. 6. Blessed *are* they that do His commandments, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and may enter in through the gates into the city. 7. Yahshua said, Truly, I tell you, unless you consume the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you possess no life within you.

This indicates that individuals would seek out the Tree of Life in New Jerusalem to access its leaves for the purpose of receiving healing from Him. This represents the significant aspect of spiritual healing, akin to the experience of the blind man in Mark 8:22, who gained the ability to perceive the living trees that were walking near him.

Mark 8:22 And he came to Bethsaida, and they brought a blind man before him and beseeched him to touch him. Mark 8:23 And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw anything at all. Mark 8:24 And he looked up and said, I see men as trees, walking.

Prior to delving into these fruits of the Spirit, it is essential to articulate a concluding reflection. The spiritual Tree of Life, situated in New Jerusalem, must have its origins in the Garden of Eden. For a natural tree to exist, it is essential that a natural seed precede it; similarly, a spiritual tree necessitates the prior existence of a spiritual seed. The parable of Luke 8:11 illustrates that the spiritual seed is the Word of Elohim, as read in John 1:1.

Based on Paul's approach for his epistles, we shall pursue the fruits of the Spirit utilizing the same source as Paul, the writings from the prophets. Romans 16:26, Yet it is now revealed, as indicated by the writings of the prophets.

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## 1. Love

**Deuteronomy 6:5** ESV You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

**Psalms 86:5** ESV / For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.

**Psalms 103:11** ESV / For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**Daniel 9:4** ESV / I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

**Leviticus 19:17** ESV / You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

## 2. Joy

“Then man prays to Elohim, and He accepts him; he sees his face with a shout of joy, and He restores to man his righteousness.” — **Job 33:26**

“Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before YAHWEH, for he comes to judge the earth.” — **1 Chronicles 16:33**

“Behold, this is the joy of His way, and out of the soil others will spring.” — **Job 8:19**

“But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing for joy and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you.” — **Psalms 5:11**

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” — **Psalms 16:11**

“For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.” — **Psalms 30:5**

“For to the one who pleases him, Elohim has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases Elohim. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.” — **Ecclesiastes 2:26**

“I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow.” — **Jeremiah 31:13**

“Yet I will rejoice in YAHWEH; I will take joy in the Elohim of my salvation.” — **Habakkuk 3:18**

### **3. Peace**

**Isaiah 53:1-12 ESV** Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by Elohim, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

**Psalms 85:10** Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**Psalms 119:165** Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble.

**Isaiah 26:3-4** You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast because they trust in you. Trust in YAHWEH forever, for YAHWEH, YAHWEH Himself, is the Rock eternal.

### **4. Long-suffering**

**Psalms 37:10-11 KJV** For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. <sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

**Joel 2:13** and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

**Jonah 4:2 ESV** But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. **2** And he prayed to the Lord and said, oh! YAHWEH, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish, for I knew that you are a gracious Elohim and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and are relenting from disaster. **3** Therefore now, oh!

YAHWEH, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” 4 And YAHWEH said, Do you do well to be angry?”

Jeremiah 15:15 Oh! YAHWEH, you know: remember me, and visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in your long-suffering: know that for your sake I have suffered rebuke.

## 5. Patience

**Job 6:10–11** This would be my comfort; I would even exult in pain unsparing, for I have not denied the words of the Holy One. What is my strength, that I should wait? And what is my end, that I should be patient?

**Psalms 27:14** Wait for YAHWEH; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for YAHWEH!

**Psalms 37:7** Be still before YAHWEH and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

**Psalms 40:1** I waited patiently for YAHWEH; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**Proverbs 14:29** Whoever is slow to anger has great understanding, but he who has a hasty temper exalts folly.

**Proverbs 16:32** Whoever is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit is better than he who takes a city.

**Proverbs 25:15** With patience a ruler may be persuaded, and a soft tongue will break a bone.

**Ecclesiastes 7:8** Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

## 6. Goodness

**Psalms 119:68** You are good and do good; teach me your statutes.

**Nehemiah 9:20** “You gave Your good Spirit to instruct them; Your manna You did not withhold from their mouth, and You gave them water for their thirst.

**Psalms 143:10** Teach me to do Your will, for You are my Elohim; let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

**Psalms 86:5** For You, YAHWEH, are good and ready to forgive and abundant in lovingkindness to all who call upon You.

**Amos 5:14:** Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. **15.** Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that YAHWEH, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

## 7. Meekness

**Zephaniah 2:3** Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth who have carried out His ordinances; Seek righteousness; seek humility. Perhaps you will be hidden in the day of YAHWEH's anger.

**Proverbs 16:19** It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud.

**Psalms 25:9** He leads the humble in justice, and He teaches the humble His way.

**Psalms 69:32** The humble have seen it and are glad; you who seek Elohim, let your heart revive.

**Isaiah 66:2** For My hand made all these things; thus all these things came into being, declares YAHWEH. But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit and who trembles at My Word.

## 8. Faith

**Habakkuk 2:4** Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

**Psalms 119:30** I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set your commandments before me.

**Psalms 46:10 ESV** "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!"

**Psalms 23:1-6 ESV** A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ...

**Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV** Trust in YEHWEH with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.

**Jeremiah 29:11** ESV For I know the plans I have for you, declares YAHWEH, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**Isaiah 40:31** ESV But they who wait for YAHWEH shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

**Deuteronomy 31:6** ESV Be strong and courageous; do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is YAHWEH your Elohim who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

## 9. Gentle

**Genesis 33:13** But Jacob replied, You know, my lord, that the children are frail and need gentle care, and the nursing flocks and herds [with young] are of concern to me, for if the men should drive them hard for a single day, all the flocks will die.

**Deut 32:2** Let my teaching fall like rain and my word settle like dew, like gentle rain on new grassland showers on tender plants.

**1 Kgs 12:7** And they said to him, If you will be a servant to these people today, caring for them and giving them a gentle answer, then they will be your servants forever.

**1 Kgs 19:12** After the earthquake there came fire, but YAHWEH was not in the fire. And after the fire, there was the sound of a gentle whisper.

**Job 15:11** Too few for thee are the comforts of Elohim? And a gentle word is with thee,

**Psa 37:11** But the gentle will have the earth for their heritage; they will take their delight in peace without measure.

**Prov 15:1** A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath.

**Prov 15:4** A gentle statement is a tree of life, but perverted speech shatters the spirit.

**Prov 16:19** Better it is to have a gentle spirit with the poor than to take part in the rewards of war with men of pride.

## 10. Modesty

### The Woman Who Fears the Lord

**Proverbs 31:10** An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm,

all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar.

**15** She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard. She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

**19** She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. She makes bed coverings for herself; Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

**23** Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

**26** She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.”

**30 Charm** is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears YAHWEH is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

### The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

**Revelation 19:** [6] Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For YAHWEH, our God, the Almighty, reigns. [7] Let us rejoice and exult and give Him the glory.

For the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and His Bride has made herself ready;

[8] It was granted her to clothe herself  
with fine linen, bright and pure” —

For the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. (ESV)

## 11. Obedience

### Genesis 26:4–5

“I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”

### Genesis 49:10

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to Him; and to Him shall be the obedience of the peoples.



**Leviticus 18:4–5**

You shall follow My rules and keep My statutes and walk in them. I-AM, YAHWEH, your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am YAHWEH.

**Leviticus 22:31**

So you shall keep My commandments and do them: I-AM, YAHWEH.

**Deuteronomy 11:26–28**

“See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of YAHWEH your God, which I command you today, and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of YAHWEH your God but turn aside from the way that I-AM commanding you today to go after other gods that you have not known.”

**Ezekiel 11:19–20**

And I will give them one heart, and a new spirit I will put within them. I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, [20] that they may walk in My statutes and keep My rules and obey them. And they shall be My people, and I-will-be their God.

## **12. Chastity**

**Proverbs 15:5** "A fool despises his father's instruction, but he that regards reproof is prudent."

**Psalms 119:9 KJV** How shall a young man cleanse his way? With taking heed thereto according to Thy Word.

**Psalms 51:10 KJV** Create in me a clean heart, Oh Elohim, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Proverbs 2:10-11 KJV** When wisdom enters into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul, <sup>11</sup> Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:

**Psalms 24:3-4 KJV** Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup>He that hath clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully.

**Psalms 73:1** Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart.