

# December 2023 Knights Reflections

Before moving on to another subject next year, I wanted to additionally follow up on one last item regarding the “**Fear of God**”.

Last Month’s follow-up was that the “Fear of God” was one of the **Seven Gifts** of the Holy Spirit. Remembering --- from ccc 1831 --- they were:

1. **Wisdom**
2. **Understanding**
3. **Counsel**
4. **Fortitude**
5. **Knowledge**
6. **Piety**
7. **and, The Fear of the Lord**

So, tonight, the follow up is from ccc 1832, the **Fruits of the Holy Spirit**. They are defined as: ***The fruits of the Holy Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: “charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity.”***

As you can see, the Seven Gifts produce the Fruits. We, with our “Free Will” --- can embrace them to gain our “**Eternal Glory**” or cast them aside and be doomed.

Therefore, you can see why I was so eager to take on John’s question as it completely fits into both subjects. Mankind, not Fido, not cats, not trees, not the Sun and Moon as primitive faiths believed, is the only part of all CREATION that has the capacity to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit into their **God-Given Souls** so that they can produce and enjoy the Fruits of the Holy Spirit leading to their opportunity to be with God for eternity!!!