**THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT 2024 Lesson No. 2**

**Gal 5:22** But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control

  *[These are fruits exhibited by our recreated spirits]*

***Derek Prince:*** The Holy Spirit brings 9 forms of the fruits Gifts of the Spirit are given in more of a brief transaction, *whereas* The Fruit of the Spirit is more a process of growth & needs to be cultivated. (Similar to natural fruit) **Gifts – bring power The Fruit – brings character:**  Gifts without fruit or character is dangerous. “Character, without gifts is ineffective

**2 Tim 2:6** The hard-working farmer *[who labors to produce crops]* ought to be the first to receive his share of the crops. *(Cultivating crops take hard work)* 1) Study his word 2 Tim 2:15 workman.. 2) Spend time in prayer asking & listening for direction 3) Cultivate fellowship - it can rub off the rough edges, like stones in the brook. Brings smoothness. 4) Learn to submit to church authority *(many never learn self-discipline)*

 *\*The Fruit of the spirit = Received in faith, worked out in experience\**

**Admonition from Jesus on Fruit:**

**John 15:1** I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

 **2**Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away:

 And every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

**4**Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine;

**FRUIT** = outcome, product or result; [When we are hooked up to God we can bear fruit, the Holy Spirit gives us Life to produce fruit. His power is in us to imitate God's character in the earth through us]

**Matt 7:16** Ye shall know them by their fruits “*Recognize them”*

**Fruit of the Spirit, PATIENCE:** Longsuffering, tolerance:

Gr: Makrothumia) **Vines:** The quality of self-restraint in the face of Gr: Macro= to be far provocation which does not hastily retaliate Gr: Thumos= anger It is the opposite of anger & is associated with mercy

 **Steadfastness in enduring troubles and/or Slowness in avenging wrongs**

 **Acts 14:22** Through many tribulations troubles, pressures, we must enter the kingdom of God

 **Ps 34:19** Many are the **afflictions** of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all

 **1 Peter 2:20** After all, what kind of credit is there if, when you do wrong and are punished for it, you endure it patiently? But if when you do what is right and patiently bear [undeserved] suffering, this *finds* favor with God.

 **\*Patience** = (no need to bring vengeance or justify ourselves when wrongly treated)

**James 1:5** Wherefore my beloved brethren, let every man be swift **to** hear, **slow** **to** speak, **slow** **to** **wrath**

**Prov 14:29** He that is slow to wrath, *is* of great wisdom: but he that is of an hasty mind, exalteth folly.

**James 1:2**Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+1%3A2-5&version=NIV#fen-NIV-30269a)] whenever you face trials of man kinds,

 **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

 **4**Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything

**Fruit of the Spirit, PEACE: Vine: Harmonious relationship between men,**

 **(Gr: Eirene)** {God given ability to maintain right relationships with God, man & yourself}

**God –** Ability to have a right relationship with God & understand him & his love for man

**Man –** some Christians just can’t get along with people

**Yourself –** ability from God to like yourself and accept who he made you and your specific calling.

**Phil 4:6** Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

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

**8**Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

 **Fruit of the Spirit; JOY**: It is our inward stability through the (Gr: Charo, Chairo=rejoice) storms of Life, we do not manufacture it!

[Man manufactures happiness which normally comes if we are having fun or circumstances are going good] We can be sad or angry with Satan or circumstances, but still maintain joy; [FOR WE HAVE HOPE!]

 **Neh 8:10** The joy of the Lord is our strength (fortress)

 **Spirit -** Joy does not depend on circumstances Its source is God

 **Soul**  - Happiness

 **Body** - Pleasure

 **Ps 43:** Vindicate me, my God & plead my cause against an unfaithful nation. Rescue me from those who are deceitful and wicked. … Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?
**4**Then I will go to the altar of God,  to God, my joy and my delight.I will praise you

 **Habakkuk 3:17** Though the fig tree does not bud & there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails & the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen & no cattle in the stalls, **18**yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

 **True Spiritual Maturity is finding Joy in God**

**Col 1:9 9**For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Col+1%3A9-11&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29475a)] **10**so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, **11**being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience.

**Next Week – June 26th**

 **Fruit of the Spirit, KINDNESS:** Moral excellence of heart & emotion;

 (Gr: Chrestotes) Serviceable, usefulness; Gracious = marked by tact or delicacy;

 **Fruit of the Spirit, GOODNESS:** Vine: Describes the moral quality of that (Gr: Agathosune) which is good; Tied to **Generosity**: **Justice:** Gives what is yours by the letter of the law;

 **Goodness**: Gives all that is helpful or beneficial:

 **Fruit of the Spirit, FAITHFULNESS:** Loyal, trustworthy, reliable, (Gr: Pistis) dependable, true to a original;

 **Fruit of the Spirit, GENTLENESS:** Vine: humility, submission(serves);

 Not arrogant or prideful

 (Gr: Prautes) -- "an ointment that soothes the pain of a wound"

 **Fruit of the Spirit, SELF-CONTROL:** Vine: Strength for self-control;

 (Gr: Egkrateia) Webster: moderation in the indulgence of natural appetites & passions;

 [Disciplined to live in the world yet remain unstained!]

**BY ALLOWING GOD TO DOMINATE OUR BEING WE CAN SHOW FORTH HIS CHARACTER**