**THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT 2024 Lesson No. 3**

**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)*

**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

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

**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.

**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)

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

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

**Luke 6:27-31** Read These are forms of conduct: Key is last verse

 “Treating other people, the way who want to be treated”

 Whatever you want others to do you do unto them (sermon on the mount)

 **Gal 6:7** Whatever a man sows is that what he shall reap **Key vs 9**

 You measure out mercy as it is God & also you will need it!

**James 2:13** Because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

**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:

**Mark 10:17-18** No one is good except God alone

Become vessels of the life/nature of God then his goodness is manifested in us

Live a life of Goodness as that is the best witness

 **Your life witness may be the only bible someone will ever read**

 “When the devil knocks on the door I let Jeus answer”

 **Yielding to God & Letting God live out his life through you!**

**Rom 12:21** Do not be **overcome** by **evil**, but **overcome** **evil** **with** **good**.

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

**Faith:** **1st** Faith to live by: **2nd** Gift of Faith **3rd Fruit of Faith**

**Faith means to Depend:** Faith is learning to depend on God

 **Faithfull** Is being dependable to God & people

 (Quite, steady, unruffled, continual trust in God)

**Faithfulness** – defined by God as he is faithful

 Now we prove his faithfulness

 **Fruit** – letting God work out his faithfulness in you Needs to be cultivated Starts with small things Luke 16:10 starts with little

 Included small & sometimes seemingly unimportant things (often not visible)

**Questions:** Are you faithful to the most important things Are you punctual, faithful to your spouse/family Not slow or slacking

 Faithful in dealing with money:

**Luke 16:11** So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

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

 **Meekness**; Not arrogant or prideful

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

**Meekness is not weakness** (demonstration of strength) Ex: 747 airplane – gentleness in which they touch down (how we carry ourselves)

 Superb demonstration of skill & strength!

 Shout stamp there foot raise there voice or are abusive = weakness

Authority is not carrying a big stick & shouting – Key to authority is being under authority **Num 12:3** Moses was very meek (Charles Finney) Kenneth Hagin: Moses had to be drained of his own strength & self-confidence; Now there was room for God to put himself in you.

**Is 40:31** God increases our strength Heb 11:27 by faith he kept his eyes on God when circumstances do not give you any encouragement.

**Ps 51:17 David:** During repentance he prayed “the sacrifices of God are a broken spirit & a contrite heart (Moses gradually, David instantaneously)

**Next Week**

**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!]

**Duet 21:18-21** **Stubbornness & rebellion** = Aspects of character & are causes

 **Gluttony & drunkenness** = Aspects of conduct & are result

 *Supposed to remove this evil from your mist*

 **\****(gr: too much) really is talking about all forms of overindulgence & addiction (can’t control yourself)****\****

 **Prov 11:1** A False balance is an abomination to the Lord

God expects us to control ourselves: H/S will control us but only with our cooperation & cultivation

We cannot do it without the Holy Spirit & the H/S will not do it w/o us!

**\*God works in us, but he requires us to work it out\***

**Phil 2:12-13** … Continue to work out your savlvation .. for it is God who works in you to fulfill his good purpose

**We need to exercise our will:** Example of losing weight