

Fruits of the Spirit

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1 The *Holy Spirit in our heart* is known by *spiritual fruit in our life*.

2 NIV Galatians 5:22-23 “*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness; gentleness and self-control.*”

3 The first evidence of spiritual *fruit* is having *love* in our heart toward people; maintaining a *forgiving* attitude toward offenders; and if we *treat* people as Jesus said to do as His follower.

4 NLT Matthew 7:12 “*Do for others what you would like them to do for you. This is a summary of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.*”

5 This attitude change from the old life to the new life is what brings about *Fruits of the Spirit*.

6 This Christlike attitude should be noticed by those around us. We can recognize the Spirit's presence by our improved attitude toward people.

7 NKJV 1 John 3:14 “*We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren.*”

8 It is crucial that we *know* what spiritual fruits are; that we see evidence of God controlling our life by His Spirit within.

9 Knowing this is very important as there are very serious consequences for *not* seeing spiritual improvement in our attitude.

10 To bear spiritual *fruit* is to bring *peace* between family members; to show *patience* with the children; to desire *purity* in our thoughts; to treat *others* from divine love; and to show *kindness* to someone.

11 Jesus gives advice that is the way of life that leads to *eternal life*. He is the *source* of this new *spiritual life*, that enables *spiritual fruit*; which is evidenced by being thoughtful of the feelings of others; being joyful and bringing peace whenever possible.

12 NKJV John 15:1-2 “*I am the true vine, My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away;*

13 *...and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.*”

14 For God to be able to cut away our wrong attitudes, is to allow Him to take worldly desires out of our heart and sarcastic words from our lips.

15 To allow Him to eliminate unscriptural ideas in our mind and to deliver us from saying upsetting things to people.

16 We need to be *free* from such ways of speaking and be given a new vocabulary.

17 Spiritual fruit is bringing *calm* when arguments start; being *patient* when delays happen.

18 It is being *kind* when no one else is; and being composed when corrected.

19 *Not seeing* those virtues means *not having* the Spirit within. AV Galatians 5:24 “*They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh [sinful nature NIV] with the affections [passions] and [desires].*”

20 The apostle describes spiritual fruit NKJV Romans 12:9 “*Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.*

21 **10** *Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;*

22 **11** *not lagging in diligence [enthusiasm], fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; and 12 faithful in prayer.*”

23 We should see fruits of the Spirit each day by meeting things each time as God says to meet them.

24 If we do *not* meet things scripturally, our faith withers and we are in danger of being “*Cast into outer darkness*” Matthew 22:13.

25 God's Word is true and if it is sown on good soil, or sown in a willing heart, we will “*Bring forth fruit*” AV Mark 4:20.

26 Jesus told religious leaders how to *escape* the *wrath of God* that is coming on a wicked and sinful world.

27 AV Matthew 3:8 “*Bear fruits worthy of repentance; [Let your lives prove your change of heart WEY].*”

28 Satan is deceitful, wicked, and evil beyond anything we could imagine. We are in a *serious battle* with a *dangerous enemy*.

29 Jesus warned repeatedly about the need to see spiritual *fruit* in our life—which results in meeting difficult situations, tough trials, and temptations we encounter as *His Word* instructs.

30 Prayer is the *key*, and Jesus takes our *prayers* and *presents* it to the Father.

31 The apostle was concerned about the spiritual *knowledge* of his listeners. It is why he did “*Not cease to pray*”—asking God AV Colossians 1:9-10 “*that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.*”

32 When we really *know* God by really *reading* His Word with interest—we then follow the next verse...

33 10 “*That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.*”

34 The Word *of* God will test our attitude *to* God—and toward others. It will separate the *true* from the *false*; the *right* from the *wrong*; the *good* from the *bad*.

35 AV John 5:29 “*They that have done good [trusted God in faith], to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil [no trust on God], to the resurrection of damnation.*”

36 There are *actions* and *attitudes* that are *forbidden* in God’s Word, so we should ask God every day to reveal any hidden sins or wrong ways in us.

37 We are to maintain a position of *trust* on God for the freedom Jesus *paid for* at Calvary. That payment *frees* us from wrong attitudes, worldly ways, and unscriptural desires.

38 Resentment and bitter feelings can lie deep in our heart, but God can *reveal* them and help us get *rid* of them.

39 AV Jeremiah 17:10 “*I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.*”

40 It is necessary that we are *more* than just *appearing* righteous—Jesus explains...

41 Matthew 5:20 NIV “*Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.*”

42 They *looked* religious on the *outside*, but had *wrong* attitudes on the *inside*.

43 It is why Jesus had to *reprove* them as needing serious *repentance* and *change*—

they were *not* what they wanted people to *think*—righteous.

44 NKJV Matthew 15:7 “*Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 8 ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.’*”

45 It is seriously *wrong* to just *talk* religion but *not live* it by obeying the words of Jesus—

46 Who said it would be *well* for the *faithful* and *obedient*, but *dreadful* for the *unfaithful* and *rebellious*.

47 The penalty Matthew 24:51 NIV “*He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*”

48 *Fruits of the Spirit* will be the result if we have truly *repented*, *confessed*, and *forsaken* our sins.

49 The Author of salvation said that if we have *resentment* toward *anyone*, to—Matthew 5:24 NLT “*Leave your sacrifice there beside the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.*”

50 Any revenge or resentment in us must be *removed*, *erased*, and *forgiven*—by *repenting* and *giving* the matter totally to God Who showed how much He loves us—

51 NIV 1 John 4:9 “*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.*”

52 Now we can *live free* from resentment, hard feelings, etc.

53 Jesus explained how the New Testament takes the Old Testament even further—

54 Matthew 5:43-45 NKJV “*You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’*”

55 *But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.*”

56 In the spiritual condition at our birth, we could never *love* our enemies or *pray* for our persecutors—God would have to *enabled* us to do that by giving His Spirit.

57 When God *inspires* us to pray for those who hurt us, we become part of His family—Matthew 5:45 “*that you may be sons of your Father in heaven.*”

58 Unbelievers have no problem loving those who love them—sinners are usually cordial to sinners.

59 *Believers*, however, are to be friendly and forgiving to those who *wrong* them and *hurt* them—we are to *pray* for those who have a wrong attitude toward us.

60 Only the Spirit of God can inspire us to repent of unscriptural attitudes; to get *rid* of resentment; and to *pray* for enemies.

61 *That* is showing *fruits of the Spirit*!



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