

## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Slide 1. Welcome to God's message on the "Super Natural Fruits of the Spirit." Please stand as we read God's Word.

GALATIANS 5:16-25 (KJV)

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Slide 2. Our main focus of this message is found in verses 22 and 23.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance (disciple life): against such there is no law. (Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, mind, and soul; and love your neighbor as yourself)

"But the fruits of the Spirit. The fruits named are not our fruits, but of the Spirit in us. If we bear these fruits we show that we have the Spirit. There are four groups: (1) Love, the Christian grace which works out the whole law. (2) Joy and peace, which are the normal state of the Christian. (3) The graces which relate to others, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness. (4) The last fruit looks to oneself, temperance, or self-control. It implies not only abstinence from injurious drinks and food, but control of the temper, the tongue, the desires, the passion for money or power."

Slide 3. Love

1. Love for God/man (Matt. 22: 37, 39). Matthew 22:37-39 (KJV) 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

2. Features of biblical love: John 14:15, 21, 23, 24; I John 3: 18; Matt. 5: 43-48; Rom.12: 9; I Cor. 13 (see Col. 3: 14). John 14:15 King James Version (KJV) 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

John 14:21 (KJV) 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:23 (KJV) 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

John 14:24 King James Version (KJV) 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Please read Matthew 5:43-48 and 1 Corinthians 13 (KJV).

Romans 12:9 (KJV) 9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

Colossians 3:14 (KJV) 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Love – Fruit of the Spirit Bible Verse

Here are some of the different definitions on what love is from the different Bible Dictionaries and Commentaries:

Unselfish, benevolent concern for another; brotherly concern; the object of brotherly concern or affection  
The self-denying, self-sacrificing, Christ-like love which is the foundation of all other graces

Unselfish, loyal and benevolent concern for the well being of another

The high esteem which God has for His human children and the high regard which they, in turn, should have for Him and other people

To love, to have affection for someone; to like; to be a friend; the love of brothers for each other.

Slide 4. Joy.

1. God fills with joy (Rom. 14:17, 15:13). Romans 14:17 (KJV) 17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Romans 15:13 (KJV) 13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

A. Instances of biblical joy: Matt. 13:20, Phili. 2:2; Jas. 1 2; 3 John 4. Matthew 13:20 (KJV) 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Philippians 2:2 (KJV) 2 Fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

James 1:2 (KJV) 2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 John 1:4 (KJV) 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

JOY

Here are some of the different definitions of what real joy is all about:

Great delight; gladness of heart

The happy state that results from knowing and serving God

That deep, abiding, inner rejoicing in the Lord

To rejoice, to be glad

Happy, joyful, cheerful, rejoicing, festive

Slide 5. Peace

1. Peace is from God (John 14:27, Rom. 5:1, 1:7). John 14:27 (KJV) 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Romans 5:1 (KJV) 5 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Romans 1:7 (KJV) 7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A. Peace especially connected with Jesus (Acts 10: 36). Acts 10:36 (KJV) 36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

B. Man must follow after peace (Rom. 14:19). Romans 14:19 (KJV) 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

PEACE

Here is how the quality of peace is described in some of the different Bible Dictionaries and Commentaries:

The presence and experience of right relationships

The tranquility of soul

Sense of well-being and fulfillment that comes from God and is dependent on His presence

The inner tranquility and poise of the Christian whose trust is in God through Christ

Tranquility, rest, harmony, the absence of agitation or discord

Slide 6. Longsuffering Longsuffering has to do with relationship with people.

1. God is longsuffering - 2 Peter 3:9 (KJV) 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

2. We must also be longsuffering- Ephesians 4:2 (KJV) 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

A. 1 Corinthians 13:4 (KJV) 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

#### LONGSUFFERING

Here are the different definitions for the word longsuffering:

Forbearance, patience

Patient endurance and steadfastness under provocation

Forbearance under ill-will, with no thought of retaliation

Patience, endurance, steadfastness and forbearance

Forbearance under suffering and endurance in the face of adversity

Ability to endure persecution and ill-treatment

Slide 7. Gentleness (gentleness – dulls the pain [physical, emotional, and spiritual] while healing is taking place).

1. A general trait (Tit. 3:2) (KJV) 2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

2. Gentleness is practical (2 Tim. 2: 24, cp. 2 Tim. 4: 2) (KJV) 24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

2 Timothy 4:2 (KJV) 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

3. Product of biblical wisdom (Jas. 3:17) 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

#### GENTLENESS

Now here are some of the different definitions on the quality of gentleness:

Mildness combined with tenderness

Gracious, kindly disposition, controlled strength

A disposition that is even-tempered, tranquil, balanced in spirit, unpretentious and that has passions under control

A character that is equitable, reasonable, forbearing, moderate, fair and considerate

Power and strength under control

Willing to pardon injuries, correct faults. One who rules his spirit well

Slide 8. GOODNESS - If the goodness of God will lead people to repentance and salvation with Him – then the goodness of God operating through an anointed believer will have the ability to draw nonbelievers into salvation.

1. God is ultimately good (Ps. 31:19, 65:4, Rom. 2:4, cp. 11: 22). Psalm 31:19 (KJV) 19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!

Psalm 65:4 (KJV) 4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Romans 2:4 (KJV) 4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Romans 11:22 (KJV) 22 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.

2. God's people are to have goodness (Rom. 15:14).

Now here are some of the different definitions of what this quality is all about:

Beneficence, ready to do good, love in action

Kindness in actual manifestation, virtue equipped for action, a bountiful propensity both to will and to do what is good, intrinsic goodness producing a generosity and a Godlike state or being

The word beneficence means the fact or quality of being kind or doing good

Slide 9. Faith (faithfulness) [Faith, meekness, and the disciplined life are the content of the anointing of God in your life].

1. Faith is active Galatians 5:6 (KJV) 6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. Please read James 2 (KJV).

2. Walk by faith (2 Cor. 5: 7) (KJV) 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

3. “Do faithfully” (3 John 5) (KJV) 5 Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;

A. Faithfulness (2 Cor. 2: 9, Col. 1: 10). (KJV) 9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

Colossians 1:10 (KJV) 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;

4. Paul classifies faith as both a super natural gift and fruit of the spirit.

#### FAITHFULNESS

Now here are what some of the different Bible Dictionaries and Commentaries have to say about this particular quality:

Fidelity which makes one true to his promise and faithful to his task

Steadfast, dedicated, dependable and worthy of trust

Steadfast, unchanging and thoroughly grounded in relation to the other

Dependability, loyalty and stability

Slide 10. Meekness (strength under spirit control) -

1. Follow after meekness (I Tim. 6: 11). 1 Timothy 6:11 King James Version (KJV) 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

2. Receive word in meekness (Jas. 1: 21) (KJV) 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

3. Restore in meekness (Gal. 6: 1) (KJV) 6 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

“Jesus, while retaining its reference to men, lifted it from its narrow context and made it refer primarily to our relations with God.”

Meekness and the Beatitudes- Those who are poor in their human spirit rely upon the Holy Spirit. Those who mourn are reflective to receive understanding of the situation. God says if you seek me with your whole heart I can be found. The poor in spirit and those who morn have found God’s purpose in their lives.

Meekness is the resultant fruit that guides the action.

Slide 11. Temperance (disciple life) Disciplines: Prayer; Bible - read and study; Righteousness – the way you lead your life;

1. Involved in preaching (Acts 24: 25) (KJV) 25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

2. Develop and add (2 Pet. 1: 6) (KJV) 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

Disciplined life.

Here are some of the definitions of what the quality of self-control is all about:

Temperance, rational restraint of natural impulses

Sober, temperate, calm and dispassionate approach to life, having mastered personal desires and passions

Calls for a self-disciplined life following Christ’s example of being in the world but not of the world

Restraint or discipline exercised over one’s behavior

Slide 12. As we started reading God’s Word in Galatians 5:16, Paul tells us to Walk in the Spirit and closes this message in Galatians 5:25 by instructing us to live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. By walking in the

Spirit we are in continuous fellowship with the Father and reflecting the image of Jesus Christ to others. As we walk with the Father, we experience the work of the Father in us. In John 15:1 (KJV) Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." This verse alone tells us a great deal about the Father. He is constantly working in the vineyard. He plants us either as a seed or cutting. During the first two years the Father establishes our root system (foundation), and removes the fruit. The vine will always channel its energy into the fruit leaving the root system weak. The Father trains us to the trellis protecting us from storms during the fragile time of our growth. Once our root system is established the Father allows us to bear fruit. He knows how much we can bear. Too much fruit weakens the vine and reduces the quality. I prefer a two cordon vine (branches) with nine clusters (buds) on each cordon. We could name each cluster after the fruit we have mentioned. The Father positions each cluster under a leaf canopy for perfect ripening while watering and removing the weeds from around the vine. Once the balance of the acid value, pH, and sugar level is in equilibrium, the crop is ready for harvest.

During the winter the vine will go dormant and the Father prunes the vine and removes 90% of the branches. Fruit only grows on new growth. Thus during the pruning, the Father removes the bitterness, pride, anger, selfishness, unfaithfulness and any other hindering diseases (sin) that infects the good fruit for the coming season. As we walk with the Father, He is constantly working with us to improve our fruit.