



DEVELOPING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.

John 15:2 (NASB)



FRUIT-ARE YOU RIPE

- What are somethings that must be done for fruit to grow?

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Characteristics of Fruit

- They take a while to grow
- Visible growth won't happen over night
- They have to be taken care of to grow
- They can be sweet
- They can be bitter/sour
- They can spoil (if not used)
- They can be unripe/underdeveloped-(not ready for use)



FRUIT-ARE YOU RIPE?

- How can we break the cycle of walking after the flesh and develop the fruit of the Spirit?

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The word fruit is significant for 3 reasons.

1. As fruit on a tree takes time to grow and mature so the Spirit does not cultivate these virtues in our lives overnight.
2. It means the result, product, outcome or effect is produced by the Holy Spirit.
3. Unlike the “Gifts of the Spirit” (plural) which God gives as He wills. All of us have the ability to obtain all nine virtues composing “The Fruit of the Spirit” (singular)

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Spiritual Gifts

- Have to do with service
- Are what a person has
- Gifts cease-When used they provide temporary satisfaction.
- Not everyone has the same gifts

Fruit of the Spirit

- Has to do with character
- Is what a person is
- Fruit is endless provides lasting fulfillment.
- The Fruit of the Spirit is available for everyone.



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- Name some of the fruit of the Spirit?

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- Galatians 5:22-23
- 1. **Love**-agape (Greek)-that love which seeks only the highest good of others
- 2. Willing, sacrificial, giving one self for the benefit of others without thought of return
- Eph. 5:1-2
- I Pet. 1:22

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2.Joy-Chara (Greek)-gladness of heart, delight

- Neh. 8:10
- Is. 12:3
- I Pet. 1:6-8

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3. Peace-eireine (Greek)-Peace between individuals, harmony, concord

- Is the result of those that set their minds on the things of the Spirit; freeing one from worry and fear
- Tranquility of mind
- He will keep you in perfect peace
- A peace that surpasses understanding
- Phil. 4:6-7; Is. 26:3

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- 4. Longsuffering**- Makrothumia (Greek)patience, self-restraint in the face of provocation
- A disposition of quietly bearing injury
 - Col. 1:9-12



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5. **Gentleness**- Chrestotes (Greek) Kindness; sweetness of temper that places others at ease, born of mercy
 - II Corin. 6: 3-7

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7. **Faithfulness**-Pistis (Greek)-conviction or belief in respect to God and Christ
- Dependable; The character of one who can be relied on
 - Trustworthy, reliable
 - Prov. 20:6
 - Prov. 25:19
 - Eph. 3:16-19

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9. **Self-Control**-Egkrateia (Greek)-self control; temperance; One holding himself in
- The virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites.
 - Eph. 4:17-24
 - Eph. 6:10-13

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8. **Meekness**-Prautes (Greek)

- Ability to bear reproaches and slights with moderation
- Doesn't embark on revenge quickly
- Not easily provoked to anger
- Having tranquility and stability in the spirit
- Gentle not weak
- Can argue without being unbearable, can rebuke without hate (ill will), face the truth without resentment
- Eph. 4:1-2



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6. **Goodness**-Agathosune (Greek) a generous act, kindness in action
 - Eph. 5:8-10

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GAL. 5:22-23

1. **Love**-Giving of one self
2. **Joy**-gladness
3. **Peace**-Free from worry
4. **Long suffering**-Patient
5. **Gentleness**-Kindness
6. **Goodness**-Generous in actions
7. **Faithfulness**-Dependable
8. **Meekness**-Not easily provoked
9. **Self-Control**-self restraint

ARE YOU RIPE?

- The “fruit” is manifested through a positive character/attitude we demonstrate and positive responses.
- “Fruit” from Love-I Corin. 13:4-8
- “Fruit” from our thoughts- Phil. 4:8
- “Fruit” from what we put on-Col. 3:12-14
- “Fruit” from God’s instructions-Col. 3:15-17

ARE YOU RIPE?

- “The Fruit of the Spirit” sums up the nine visible ; physical manifestations of His Spirit that we should have in our lives.
- These are not individual “fruits” from which we pick and choose.
- It’s a package deal. One nine fold “fruit” that characterizes all who truly walk in God’s Spirit.
- Collectively we all can work on producing this “Fruit” in our lives with Christ.



WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE?

A Life Infused With:

- Love
- Joy
- Peace

A Life Inflicted With:

- Lasciviousness
- Uncleanliness
- Adultery
- Fornication
- Witchcraft
- Idolatry

WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE?

A Life Developing

- Longsuffering
- Kindness
- Goodness

A Life Devastated By:

- Envy
- Hatred
- Murders
- Wrath
- Drunkenness
- And such like (other works of the flesh)

WHAT WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE?

A Life Exuding

- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-control

A Life Exhausted By:

- Jealousy
- heresies
- Discord (variance),
- Seditions
- Strife/Contention
- Reveling



ARE YOU RIPE?

- God gives us a choice
- Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh (Gal. 5:16)
- Through His Son's blood we can be cleansed from our sins.
- Through His Spirit He can empower us to live holy and righteous.
- He sent us a "Helper" the Holy Spirit (St. John 16:13)