

## The Fruit of The Spirit

Webster: Fruit- the result or product of any action.

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Col 3:17 And **whatsoever ye do in word or deed**, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and (*even*) the Father by Him.

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Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit (*results*) is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Wherefore by their fruits (*results of their actions, what their actions produce*) ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven.

- Each tree or vine contains many of the fruit it bears. Each individual fruit has seeds, a body and skin but is still **a** fruit. Every Christian is to have **all** of the following attributes in order to bear **the** fruit (*result*) of truly being in the Spirit.

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but **in the Spirit**, if so be that **the Spirit of God dwell in you**. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

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### The Fruit

Gal 5:22 But **the fruit** (*product*) 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 (*Gk.4748-conform to virtue and piety*) in the Spirit.

- **Love**- from Gk.25-to love (in a social or moral sense).

**G26** ἀγάπη agapē ag-ah'-pay

From G25; *love*, that is, **affection** or **benevolence**; specifically (**plural**) a *love feast*: - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

1Co 13:4 Charity suffereth long (*Gk.3114-patient*), and is kind (*Gk.5541-to show oneself useful, act benevolently*); charity envieth (*Gk.2206-be jealous over*) not; charity vaunteth not itself (*Gk.4068-braggart, to boast*), is not puffed up (*Gk.5448-to inflate, make proud [haughty]*), 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly (*Gk.807-to act unbecoming*), seeketh (*Gk.2212-be about, desire*) not her own (*Gk.1438-self*), is not easily provoked (*Gk.3947-to exasperate*) [**Webster**: to irritate, anger], thinketh (*Gk.3049-take inventory*) no evil (*Gk.2556-depraved, injurious*) [**tries to see the good in all situations**]; 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity [**is not happy about those who are in sin or find any pleasure in hearing of an injustice or even rightful punishment being done**], but rejoiceth (*Gk.4796-congratulate*) in the truth; 7 Beareth (*Gk.4722-endure patiently*) all things, believeth (*Gk.4100-to have faith [with respect to a person]*) [**is ever ready to trust in the best most positive evidence when a person is accused of doing wrong**] all things, hopeth (*Gk.1679-expect*) [**to anticipate the repentance of an erring Christian**] all things, endureth (*Gk.5278-bear[trials]*) all things.

- In **John 21:15-17** Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him. The first two times He asked Peter if he "*agape(d)*" Him. The last time He asked him He asked if he "*phileo(d)*" Him. If I "*phileo*" you I have a personal attachment to you, a closer fondness than if I "*agape*" you. If I "*agape*" you, then I have an affection for you. I want to be there for you in your times of trouble or misfortune. I want to do so without negativity or judgment because I want to believe the best in you. It doesn't necessarily mean that I have to **like** you to "*agape*" you. Therefore, I have to put my personal feelings toward you aside in order to fulfill the law of Christ.

**Mat 5:44** But I say unto you, **Love (agapao) your enemies**, (Notice how Jesus didn't say that we are to "*like*" our enemies.) **bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**

**Gal 6:2** Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

**Mar 12:30** (*Jesus here answering the sincere scribe*) **And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.**

*I don't have to "like" my neighbor to love him/her just as I don't have to like myself to love myself.*

**Joh 13:35** **By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love (agape) one to another. If we, as Christians, are benevolent to each other, others will notice!**

**Gal 5:14** For all **the law is fulfilled in one word**, *even* in this; Thou shalt **love thy neighbour as thyself. 15 But** if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. *And when we are not benevolent to each other, they will notice that too!*

- **Joy-** from **Gk.5463**-to be full of "cheer".

**G5479** χαρά chara *khar-ah'*

From **G5463**; **cheerfulness**, that is, **calm delight**: - **gladness**, X greatly, (X be exceeding) joy (-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous).

- Who wants to be around a person that has the face of a toddler who just bit into a pickle for the first time?

- **Peace-**

**G1515** ειρήνη eirēnē *i-rah'-nay*

Probably from a primary verb εἶρω eirō (**to join**); **peace** (literally or figuratively); **by implication prosperity**: - one, peace, quietness, rest, + set at one again.

**Psa 34:14** Depart from evil, and do good; seek (*Heb.1245-strive after*) peace, and pursue (*Heb.7291-run after, chase, hunt*) it.

- Any **Christian** who spends their time pursuing and striving for peace will not be seeking vengeance or to have their own way.

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- **Longsuffering**- Gk.3116-with long (enduring) temper.

**G3115** μακροθυμία makrothumia *mak-roth-oo-mee'-ah*

From the same as **G3116**; *longanimity*, that is, (objectively) *forbearance* or (subjectively) *fortitude*: - longsuffering, **patience**.

Luk 21:19 **In your patience possess ye your souls.**

- Lose your temper...lose your soul? A short fuse makes for a quick explosion and sometimes there isn't enough time to get out of the way before something bad happens. Ask any bomb maker who lived to tell about it. Just as a long fuse is necessary, so also is the temper.

Pro 14:17 *He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly..*

Eph 4:26 Be ye angry, and sin not:..

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- **Gentleness**

**G5544** χρηστότης chrēstotēs *khray-stot'-ace*

From **G5543**; *usefulness*, that is, moral *excellence* (in character or demeanor): - gentleness, **good** (-ness), **kindness**.

- Depending on the application this word (Gk.5544) occurs 11 times in the **New Testament** in different forms. Here it has to do with our having to possess an attribute of **God**, a "fruit" of the **Spirit**.

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of His **goodness** (Gk.5544) and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the **goodness** (Gk.5544) of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Tit 3:4 But after that the **kindness** (Gk.5544) and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

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- **Goodness**

**G19** ἀγαθωσύνη agathōsunē *ag-ath-o-soo'-nay*

From **G18**; *goodness*, that is, **virtue** or *beneficence*: - goodness.

- Abstinance from all evil.

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- **Faith**

**G4102** πίστις pistis *pis'-tis*

From [G3982](#); *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; moral **conviction** (of religious truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially **reliance upon Christ for salvation**; abstractly *constancy* in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) *truth* itself: - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity.

[Heb 11:6](#) But **without faith** (*reliance*) *it is* impossible to please *Him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek ([Gk.1567](#)-*investigate, crave, worship*) Him.

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- **Meekness**

[G4236](#) πραότης *praotēs prah-ot'-ace*

From [G4235](#); *gentleness*; by implication **humility**: - meekness.

- Only those who humble themselves to the teachings of Christ can, presently in the 1000 year reign, rule the world with Him. ([Mat 5:5](#))

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- **Temperance**- *has nothing to do with a short fuse.*

[G1466](#) ἐγκράτεια *egkrateia eng-krat'-i-ah*

From [G1468](#); **self control** (especially *continence*): - temperance.

[2Pe 2:14](#) Having eyes full of adultery, and that **cannot** cease from sin; beguiling **unstable** souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: [15](#) Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray,..

[2Pe 2:17](#) These are wells without water, clouds that are **carried with a tempest**; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

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- **Against such there is no law-**

In other words, Satan **will not** tempt us with these attributes because they go against his will for mankind to be lost. The desire for the things that God forbids are the very things Satan tempts us with.

[Gen 3:11](#) And He said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? **Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?**  
[12](#) And the man said, The woman whom Thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. [13](#) And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, **The serpent beguiled me**, and I did eat.

2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, **as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty**, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

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Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9 (For the **fruit of the Spirit** (*what the Spirit produces*) is **in** (*shows where the fruit can be found*) all **goodness** (*virtue*) and **righteousness** (*equity of character or act*) and **truth**;) 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship (*co-participation*) with the **unfruitful** (*Gk.175-barren*) works of darkness, but rather reprove (*Gk.1651-confute [Webster: to prove to be in error, false]*) them.

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Joh 15:7 If ye abide **in Me**, and **My words abide in you**, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is My Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit (*bring forth a lot of results...*); so shall ye be My disciples.

...results that come in the form of:

1. personal spiritual growth through knowledge that comes from the word of God.
2. bringing others to the truth, the gospel plan of salvation.
3. living a moral, humble and virtuous life in the sight of others.
4. patience and doing good.
5. showing concern for others without regard for self.
6. striving for peaceful resolutions in all confrontations.
7. remaining in **Christ** through whatever test, struggle or hardship.

To be in **Christ**:

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For **as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ**. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one **in Christ Jesus**.

Once in **Him**:

Gal 5:1 **Stand fast** therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage (*old law-you sin/you die*).

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