

Introduction:

- *"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"* (Galatians 5:22-23, NLT)
- 1 Cor 13:4-7 Love chapter

I. The Fruit of the Spirit is the Very Nature of God

- A. *"Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?"* (John 14:9, NLT)
1. If we want to see the fruit of the Spirit in action all we have to do is look at the life of Jesus.
 2. Jesus actions manifest the fruit of the Spirit for He is God.

II. The Fruit in Jesus Life

- A. Love In Jesus Life. Love is the exclusive affection of God towards us! It is the tangible goodness of God. Love means to treasure, to cause a person to feel loved.
1. Jesus lived the two commands. *"Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."* (Matthew 22:37-40, NLT)
 2. Greater love has no one than this. *"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."* (John 15:9-13, NLT)
- B. Joy - is the intensiveness of gladness. It is a delight of the mind, from the consideration of the present or assured approaching possession of a good.
1. *"We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. **Because of the joy awaiting him**, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne."* (Hebrews 12:2, NLT)
 2. *****"I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!"* (John 15:11, NLT)
 3. Missing accusers bring joy. He disregarded her shame. Heb 12:2 *"No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."* (John 8:11, NLT)
- C. Peace - a divine endurance. Forebearance - a refraining from enforcing.
1. Is 9:6 He is called the Prince of peace. His title reflects who He is.
 - a) eirene - unity and accord.
 - b) "the spiritual harmony brought about by an individual's restoration with God."
 - c) is a state of being quiet. It is about learning to be calm. Having an inclination toward calm.

2. *“I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.”* (John 14:27, NLT)
- D. Patience - is the quality of perseverance under pressure with a good heart. Endurance without complaint.
1. *“But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.”* (1 Timothy 1:16, NLT)
 2. *“Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.”* (Luke 23:34, NLT)
- E. Kindness - is about being considerate. To be thoughtful towards someone, benevolent, loving.
1. *“But Jesus said, “No more of this.” And he touched the man's ear and healed him.”* (Luke 22:51, NLT)
 2. *“But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.”* (Titus 3:4-5, NLT)
- F. Goodness - is about looking after someones welfare. Being favorable to someone. Blessing them.
1. *“And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”* (Acts 10:38, NLT)
 2. *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd sacrifices his life for the sheep.”* (John 10:11, NLT)
- G. Faithfulness - is about being consistent, loyal, constant, unceasing, firm in your promise, unwavering, being trust worthy.
1. *“Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But this is the very reason I came!”* (John 12:27, NLT)
 2. *“Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.”* (Hebrews 2:17, NLT)
- H. Gentleness is about having a powerful humility. Being merciful. Sweet spirited. Overcoming
1. *“Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and **gentle at heart**, and you will find rest for your souls.”* (Matthew 11:29, NLT)
 2. *“Tell the people of Jerusalem, ‘Look, your King is coming to you. He is humble, riding on a donkey— riding on a donkey's colt.’”* (Matthew 21:5, NLT)
 3. Lk 22:51 Jesus states, *“No more of this.”* (fighting) He heals the mans ear.
- I. Self control is about being restrained. Having a good frame of heart and mind. Exercising discretion, believing the best about someone.
1. *“In addition, the Father judges no one. Instead, he has given the Son absolute authority to judge,”* (John 5:22, NLT) Jesus could have called down fire at any time or legions of angels.

2. *"Don't you realize that I could ask my Father for thousands of angels to protect us, and he would send them instantly? But if I did, how would the Scriptures be fulfilled that describe what must happen now?"* (Matthew 26:53-54, NLT)
3. When he was stuck by the guard. *"Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"*" (John 18:23, NKJV)
4. They were going to kill Him by throwing Him off a cliff. *"but he passed right through the crowd and went on his way."* (Luke 4:30, NLT)

III. From Graham Cooke: "By moving in the Fruit of the Spirit you can seriously affect the enemy and release yourself into power at the same time."

- A. So what if you could exhaust the enemy with your love?
- B. What if you could depress him by being joyful?
- C. What if you could weary him by being at peace and rest?
- D. What if you could demoralize him with your patience?
- E. What if you could discourage the enemy with your kindness?
- F. What if you could overcome him with goodness?
- G. What if you could debilitate him with your faithfulness?
- H. What if you could trouble him with your gentleness?
- I. Or dismay him with your self control?
- J. Or dishearten him with your faith?
- K. Or weaken him with your mercy?
- L. Or intimidate him by your intimacy?
- M. Or devastate him by your grace?
- N. Or paralyze him by your compassion?
- O. Or cripple him with your humility? Graham Cooke

IV. What Fruit of the Spirit is God developing in your life now?