

The Fruit of the Spirit

Introduction:

- A. To be saved we must be led by the Spirit. - Romans 8:14
- B. If we are led by the Spirit we will produce the fruit of the Spirit. - Galatians 5:22-25
- C. What is the fruit of the Spirit?

I. Love: active good will - Matthew 22:35-40

- A. We must love God. - 1 John 5:3
- B. We must love the brethren. - 1 John 4:20; 3:16-18
- C. We must love all people. - Matthew 5:43-48

II. Joy: delight, gladness

- A. Sin brings temporary pleasure. - Hebrews 11:24-26
- B. Salvation in Christ brings eternal joy. - 1 Peter 1:3-9

III. Peace: harmony, concord

- A. Through Christ we are reconciled to God, so we have peace with Him. - 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Romans 5:1
- B. This gives us peace of mind. - Philippians 4:6-7
- C. We should strive for peace in the church. - Ephesians 4:1-3
- D. We should try to live at peace with all people. - Romans 12:18

IV. Longsuffering: patient endurance under continual provocation - 1 Peter 2:19-24

V. Gentleness: kindness - Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 7:12; Gal. 6:1-2,9-10

VI. Goodness: benevolent, generous - Romans 5:7; Luke 6:38

VII. Faith: faithfulness, trustworthiness, reliability, the character of one who can be relied on

- A. toward God - Hebrews 10:38-39; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2
- B. toward men - Titus 2:10

VIII. Meekness: the quality of a trained animal: submissive to his master, gentle to others, inner equilibrium

- A. submissive to God - James 1:21
- B. gentle to others - Titus 3:2
- C. inner equilibrium - Numbers 12:3

IX. Temperance: self-control, the quality of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites. - 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Conclusion:

- A. By incorporating these qualities into life, we will follow the law of God and all just laws of men. - Galatians 5:23
- B. Are you producing the fruit of the Spirit?