The Holy Spirit as Helper!

- He is the believers Teacher! John 14.26, John 15.26
  - Revealing Jesus…
    - To the believer! “He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and declare it to you!” John 16.14-16
    - In the believer! “we are being changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord!” 2Corinthians 3.18

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  - Revealing Jesus…
    - Through the believer! "And Peter stood up with the eleven and lifted up his voice…" Acts 2.14
      - And delivered such a message that 3,000 souls were added to the church!
    - And Peter, focusing his eyes on him, said, "In the name of Jesus…" Acts 3.4,6

Section Three:
‘The Fruit of the Spirit!’

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **Anyone who follows the leading of the Holy Spirit will begin to bear His fruit!**
  - **"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience (makrothumia: long endurance with people v. hupomone: patience with 'things'), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self control… Against such things there is no law!" Galatians 5.22,23**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **Anyone who follows the leading of the Holy Spirit will begin to bear His fruit!**
  - **"But now you have been set free from sin, and have become slaves to God, the fruit you reap leads to holiness, and the outcome is eternal life!" Romans 6.22**
  - **The fruit we bear is evidence of the Spirit of Christ alive in us!**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **Anyone who follows the leading of the Holy Spirit will begin to bear His fruit!**
  - **"Every tree is known by it's fruit, whether it is good or bad!" Matthew 7.16-20**
  - **"By this will all *men* know that you are My disciples, if you have love one to another." John 13.35**
  - **Jesus said that His disciples would "glorify God by bearing much fruit!" John 15.8**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **Anyone who follows the leading of the Holy Spirit will begin to bear His fruit!**
  - **"Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord. And in His law he meditates day and night. He will be like a tree planted by rivers of living water that brings forth fruit in its season!" Psalm 1.2,3**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **Anyone who follows the leading of the Holy Spirit will begin to bear His fruit!**
  - **"I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Gardener. You are the branches. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit!" John 15.2**
    - **Fruitfulness seems to be pretty important to God!**

A life *yielded* to the Holy Spirit is guaranteed fruit-fullness!

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **All the virtues of Christ; love, joy, peace, patience (makrothumia: long endurance with people), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self control… *are fruits of righteousness…***
- **Those fruits are displays of *Christ-values* that believers can have by yielding to the Holy Spirit!**
  - **His job is our sanctification! 2Thess 2.13**

Try with all your might; intentions, will, energy, education… you cannot produce true spiritual fruit by human effort!

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **Although it is Holy Spirit fruit, it is the result of our partnership with Him!**
  - **Abiding in the Vine is not passive…**
  - **"If I'm a Christian, I can do whatever I want, and if God wants fruit it will grow…"**
  - **NO! We cooperate with the leading and authority of the Holy Spirit…**
  - **Following Him away from our way, to walk His ways!**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **The fruit of the Spirit is the ideal of Christian living!**
  - **"Love, joy, peace, long endurance (with people), kindness, goodness , faithfulness, humility and self control!"**
  - **They were evident in Christ…**
  - **They are the evidence that we are in Him, following Him, and He is in us by His Spirit! 1John 4.13**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **The fruit of the Spirit is the ideal of Christian living!**
  - **Paul: "Without love, I am a crashing cymbal… I am nothing…" 1Cor 13.1,2**
  - **Paul: "Finally brothers, whatever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of a good report, if there is any virtue or anything praiseworthy… meditate on these things! Philippians 4.8**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **The fruit of the Spirit is the ideal of Christian living!**
  - **Peter: "Give this all diligence; add to your faith, virtue; to virtue, knowledge; to knowledge, self-control; to self-control, perseverance; to perseverance, godliness; to godliness, brotherly kindness; to brotherly kindness, love; if these things are yours and abound, you will not be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of the Lord! 2Peter 1.5-8**

Any concept of spiritual growth that does not include the fruit of the Spirit as a developmental factor, is a false concept!

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **The fruit of the Spirit stands in contrast to the works of the flesh!**
  - **"Now the works of the flesh are evident: adultery, fornication (porneia), uncleanness (a-katharsia), lewdness, idolatry, sorcery (pharmakeia), hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries…" Galatians 5.19-21**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **The fruit of the Spirit stand in contrast to the works of the flesh!**
  - **As works of the flesh identify those who are not inheriting the kingdom of God, and are not yielding to the Holy Spirit…**
  - **So the fruit of the Spirit testifies the we are the inheritors of the kingdom of Heaven!**
  - **Flesh is self-centered!**
  - **Spirit is Christ-centered!**

The Contrast of Flesh and Spirit!

- **“The most striking feature of the contrast is the emphatic change from works to fruit! Works belong to the workshop; fruit belongs to the garden. One comes from the ingenuity of the factory; the other is the silent growth of the abounding life. The factory operates with dead stuff; the garden cultivates living forces to the appointed end.**

The Contrast of Flesh and Spirit!

- **“Works are always in the realm of dead things. Every building is built out of dead material. The tree must die before it can be of use to the builder. There is no life in stones and brick, in steel joists and iron girders. They are all dead and in the process of disintegration. Nothing material lasts. Man’s best works fail and fade, crumble and pass away…**

The Contrast of Flesh and Spirit!

- **“Fruit does not come of man’s labor. It requires his diligence, but it is neither his invention or his product. He does not make the flowers. No skill of his brings the golden harvest of the fields or the luscious fruit on the trees. When man has done all he can, then God begins and life proceeds. Fruit is God’s work.**

The phrase “fruit of the Spirit” assigns the graces of the Christian character to their proper source. They are not of man’s producing.”

–Samuel Chadwick

The Contrast of Flesh and Spirit!

- **The flesh produces works; the Spirit produces fruit!**
- **The flesh is the product of man's works; the fruit of the Spirit is of the garden!**
- **The works of the flesh are dead; the fruit of the Spirit is life!**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **The ways to bear fruit!**
  - ***By abiding in Christ!*** ***John 15.1-16***
  - **"A branch cannot bear fruit of itself…"**
    - **It must be connected!**
  - **"If it bears no fruit…"**
    - **It is cut off, withers and is carried away!**
  - **The fruit that glorifies God and remains, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit formed in us!**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **The ways to bear fruit!**
  - ***By abiding in Christ! John 15.1-16***
  - **"I am the Vine, you are the branches. He that abides in Me and I in him, the same brigs forth much fruit, for apart from Me, you can bear nothing… Herein is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so are you My disciples… I have chosen and ordained you to bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain!"**

Fruit Asides…

- **If the fruit that glorifies God comes from *abiding in Christ…***
  - **Then people can be saved and not bear fruit because they don't 'abide' in Him!**
  - **The church of Corinth had the Spirit, but lacked the fruit of love!**
  - **The church of Galatia had the Spirit, but were falling short in 'freedom.'**
- **Abiding is intentional acts to obey Him!**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **The ways to bear fruit!**
  - ***By being pruned! John 15.2***
  - **"Every branch that bears fruit, He prunes, that it may bear more fruit!"**
    - **That process in sincere believers is never pleasant/easy!**
    - **Pruning is close observation, planning, cutting; "discipling and chastening!"**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- **The ways to bear fruit!**
  - ***By being pruned!* John 15.2**
  - **"No chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful;. Nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it!" Hebrews 12.11**
  - **Trees can be leafy and green but bear little fruit without the *Master's* touch! John 15.1**

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit!

- So, there is a contrast between works of the flesh and fruit of the Spirit…
- There are ways to bear fruit; more fruit, much fruit, and fruit that remains…
- What does it man to “abide in Christ?”