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?”

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    - **UNBROKEN FELLOWSHIP! Believers connected by active faith, obedience, humility, submitted will, worship…**

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    - **An increasing yieldedness to the Holy Spirit; to walk in, be led by, to live in, the Holy Spirit! Galatians 5.16, 18, 26**

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- **The *fruit* deals with our character!**
  - **Develops gradually, as we learn to abide in Christ and yield to the Holy Spirit!**

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- **The *gifts* intersect with our ministry!**
  - **Gifts are given instantly for the purpose of service and as a testimony… and can be separate from a person's character!**

The Holy Spirit has used a lot of very flawed people to distribute His *gifts* through; to do miracles through!

The big difference between Holy Spirit *fruit* and *gifts* is one has everything to do with our growth and the other has to do with His largeness!

One is a commendation of our faith and trust and the other a testimony to His love for suffering, needy, mankind!

(Please) Don’t ever equate the delivery of a *gift* with the spiritual maturity, or the commendation of, the messenger!

(Please) Don’t ever equate the delivery of *gifts* with the spiritual maturity of a congregation; i.e.: the Corinthian Church!

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- **The difference between the *fruit* and the *gifts* of the Holy Spirit!**
  - ***Fruit* indicates spiritual character developed over time…**
  - ***Gifts* indicate spiritual capabilities imparted by God...**
    - **Regardless of gifts given for ministry (not natural ones) every believer is called to bear fruit… the fruit of the Spirit!**

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- **While there are differences between the *fruit* and *gifts* of the Holy Spirit, there is a vital link!**
  - **The Corinthian Church proves that you don't have to be mature to have *gifts* operating… [schisms, carnality, selfishness]**
  - **But it also points out that there is nothing profitable to the messenger without *fruit!***
    - **Like the essential: Love!**

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- **While there are differences between the *fruit* and *gifts* of the Holy Spirit, there is a vital link!**
  - **"Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, but have no love, it profits me nothing! Though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and have all faith to remove mountains, without love, I am nothing!" 1Corinthians 13.1-2**

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- **While there are differences between the *fruit* and *gifts* of the Holy Spirit, there is a vital link!**
  - **BUT… It is a God-glorifying moment when we, as His representatives, are able to operate in a 'distributed gift' with the *fruit* of love in full force!**
  - ***IT'S A WIN FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED!***

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- "The Fruit of the Spirit is love!" Gal 5.22
  - "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God!" 1John 4.7,8
  - "By this will all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another!" John 13.35
  - "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who despitefully use you!" Luke 6.27,28

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  - This is mature love, formed in our hearts by the Holy Spirit! Romans 5.5
  - It comes from abiding in Christ…
    - Knowing Him…
    - Feeling His love for us… from the first as enemies, then as slow, weak, disobedient, imperfect sons/daughters!
    - Then feeling His love through us!

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    - As the love of God: agape, overarching love, that takes away our sins, sins of the world, grows in us…
    - Impossible not to love others…
    - Impossible not to have the other fruit!

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- "The Fruit of the Spirit is joy!" Gal 5.22
  - "for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit!" Romans 14.17
  - Joy is our reaction and result of God's love for us; His mercies, blessings and benefits!
  - Joy is not dependent on circumstances, it rests in our relationship with God!
  - Joy is choosing God in our circumstances!

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  - **Joy looks heavenward in earthbinding circumstances knowing deliverance is coming! Acts16.25 "Paul and Silas…"**
  - **Trials become blessings because they point us to higher truth! *JOY IN THE H.S.!***

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  - **Obviously, we differentiate between the sounds of praise and noise of people...**

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- "The Fruit of the Spirit is joy!" Gal 5.22
  - Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom!
  - "In His presence there is fullness of joy!" Psalm 16.11
  - "The joy of the Lord is our strength!" Nehemiah 8.10
- Paul used the words "joy" and "rejoice" 17x in Philippians alone!

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- "The Fruit of the Spirit is peace!" G5.22
  - Peace is a fruit that comes from Holy Spirit revelation of the gift that Jesus left us!
  - "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give it to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid!" John 14.27
  - "Bring justified by faith we have peace with God thru Jesus Christ! Romans 5.1

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  - When we understand that we have peace with God… it changes us inside…
  - We can experience a character quality of peace with others!
  - We are free from contentions/quarrels…
  - Beyond understanding… Phil 4.7

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  - "Recompense to no man evil for evil… as much as is in you, live peaceably with all men!" Romans 12.17,18
  - Follow peace with all men, and holiness, w/o which no one will see God. Look diligently… don't let any root of bitterness spring up to trouble and defile you!" Hebrews 12.14,15
  - Peace that abides with us! Phil 4.9

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- **"The Fruit of the Spirit is longsuffering!" Gal 5.22**
  - **Makrothumia: love untiring; persevering through the storm, with people!**
    - **V. patience: suffering thru "stuff."**
  - **Not a fruit evident much in our day!**
  - **Fruit born of awareness of Jesus enduring love for us, striving with us…**
  - **"Not willing that any perish!" 2Peter 3.9**

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- **"The Fruit of the Spirit is longsuffering!" Gal 5.22**
  - **"The Lord is good, full of compassion, gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth! Psalm 86.15**
  - **"Let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing!" James 1.4**
  - **Every believer needs the Holy Spirit to help us to produce this fruit of longsuffering!**

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- "The Fruit of the Spirit is kindness!" Gal 5.22
  - Kindness is love expressed to others in response to their weaknesses, failures!
  - Directly tied to your understanding of how God deals with you in weakness/failure!
    - "the exceeding richness of His grace and kindness toward us in Jesus Christ!" Ephesians 2.7

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- "The Fruit of the Spirit is kindness!" Gal 5.22
  - Easier to be unkind toward failings…
  - Easy to be condemnatory rather than conciliatory…
  - Easy to be harder than God…
    - "Love suffers long and is kind!" 1Cor 13.4
  - Proclaiming the truth in lovingkindness is a manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit!

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- "The Fruit of the Spirit is goodness!" Gal 5.22
  - "The fruit of the spirit is in all goodness, righteousness and truth!" Ephesians 5.9
  - Practical, loving acts of goodness: virtuous, benevolence, shown to others!
  - "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things!" Lk 6.43
  - Fruit moving to bless/benefit others!

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- **"The Fruit of the Spirit is goodness!" Gal 5.22**
  - **"Charge those who are rich in this world to not be highminded nor trust in uncertain riches but in the living God who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Charge them to confer benefits like God, to be rich in good works, good at imparting, willing to communicate, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation…" 1Tim6.18**

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- **"The Fruit of the Spirit is goodness!" Gal 5.22**
  - **"They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God and the believers were of one heart and soul and none of them said that the things they possessed were merely their own but that they were for the common good – and there were none among them who lacked; they sold their excess and distributed it…" A4.31ff**

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This kind of goodness is supernatural fruit!

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- "The Fruit of the Spirit is faith!" Gal 5.22
  - The fruit on the tree is for others, not the tree!
  - The fruit of faith in this context is the observable faith in God and His word!
  - When problems arise where does the person turn? To whom? To what?
  - If I can see a person submitting all things in prayer, turning to the word, standing firm…

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- **"The Fruit of the Spirit is faith!" Gal 5.22**
  - **Shows me faith in God is trustworthy…**
  - **Gives me someone to go to in times of trouble/need…**
  - **Demonstrates a life connected to God; a person that can be trusted to be faithful to words, promises, obligations…**
  - **Gives me hope for fruit of my own!**

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- "The Fruit of the Spirit is meekness!" Gal 5.23
  - From Praos: gentleness from humility
    - It is not timidity, shyness, weakness!
  - A trait that comes from calmness/peace that is slow to be excited or angered…
  - It comes from confidence of knowing who were are, what we have in Christ!
  - We have nothing to prove to anyone other than God – essential to bearing this fruit!

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- "The Fruit of the Spirit is temperance!" Gal 5.23
  - Strong in a thing; masterful, having power over appetites/urges, self-under-control!
    - Having "continence!"
  - "He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty. And he who rules his spirit, than he who takes a city!" Proverbs 16.32
  - Food, drink, anger, worldly lusts, words, selfishness…we must be able to rule!

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- **"The Fruit of the Spirit is temperance!" Gal 5.23**
  - **Even in good things: "All things are lawful for me but all things are not helpful… I will not be brought under the power of any… Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you and you are not your own? Bought with a price, glorify God in your body/spirit which are His!" 1Cor 6.12-14,19,20**

Detailing the Fruit of the Spirit!

- “Against these there is no law!”
  - The law becomes unnecessary because people bearing the fruit of the Spirit don’t sin against God or others…
  - The fruit of the Spirit is the word coming alive from the inside out…
  - It’s a share in Christ’s life… a partaker of the divine nature…
  - Coming from the word and the Spirit!