

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:16,22-25 16 *“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

22 *But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

23 *gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

24 *And those [who are] Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

25 *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

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■ Glorify the Father--Bear Much Fruit

John 15:4-8 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot *bear fruit* of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 "I am the vine, you [are] the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, *bears much fruit*; for without Me you can do nothing.

8 "By this My Father is glorified, that you *bear much fruit*;
so you will be My disciples.

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- *Love (agape)*
 - *To seek the very best for another*
 - *“God is Love” (1John 4:8)*
- *Joy*
 - *The atmosphere of the Christian life*
 - *Must always have joy(Phil 4:4), even in testing (James 1:2)*
- *Peace*
 - *Describes the serenity, tranquility, the life that is completely happy and secure*
 - *It is to be sought after (Psalm 34:14)*

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■ *Longsuffering*

- *Patience with people and events*
- *Paul prays for endurance & patience with joy (col 1:11)*

■ *Kindness*

- *Gone are harshness, roughness, bitterness*
- *“My yoke is easy” (Mat 11:30)*

■ *Goodness*

- *Similar to kindness but while kindness is a quality of the heart and emotion, goodness is the quality of conduct and action*

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■ *Faithfulness*

- *The quality of reliability and trustworthiness upon which someone can totally rely*
- *Jesus is the faithful witness (Rev 1:5)*

■ *Gentleness*

- *Strength with gentleness, meekness*
- *Moses meekest on the earth (Num 12:3)*
- *Plato used the word to describe a watchdog*

■ *Self-control*

- *The ability to restrain desire with reason*
- *It is commanded for elders to have (Titus 1:8)*

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■ *By Their Fruits You Will Know Them*

Matthew 7:18-20 "A good tree cannot *bear bad fruit*, nor [can] a bad tree *bear good fruit*.

19 "Every tree that does not *bear good fruit* is cut down and thrown into the fire .

20 Therefore **by their fruits you will know them.**