

## Explanation of the Fruits of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is **1/love, 2/joy, 3/peace, 4/longsuffering, 5/gentleness, 6/goodness, 7/faith, 8/Meekness, 9/temperance**: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

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There are **9 gifts of the Holy Spirit**, there are **9 offices for the church** (body of believers/Jew and Gentile, not denominations) And there are **9 fruits of the Spirit**. You have to understand Gods numbering system to appreciate this.

### 1/-- Love -- **If there is a condition applied, THIS is not love**

You see, if you put on a stipulation like some do: **example,**

If you say something I don't like, then I will have nothing to do with you anymore etc. Then You don't know how to love! Many say, but you don't know how much that hurt me. Yes your right, but Jesus does and he says if we give it to him, **Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.**

This is not my word but God's word. Gods word and life teach us that things happen that hurt us, "but grow up and get over it."

### 2/-- Joy -- **Delight -- happiness**

If you are a heart believing Christian and I say heart, because there are multitudes that believe with their head and think their pretty good, but the bible says: **Matthew 15:8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.**

You see with the Spirit of the Lord in you, you may be disillusioned or misunderstood and there is no thought of revenge or bitterness. Your countenance is happy.

### 3/ -- Peace --**Undisturbed, peace of mind, or content**

This actually coincides with Joy, things going on in the world that upset most people don't upset you. I'm not saying you have no feeling, it's just that you don't get upset. Why?, because the bible says: **John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

### 4/-- Longsuffering -- **Not easily provoked, Patient**

Most of us when we want something, we want it yesterday or if someone don't agree with us or says we are wrong and try's to correct or guide us, we get ticked off instead

of listening and searching ourselves to see if we have to make an adjustment in self. the Lord says we should examine ourselves.

**2Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?**

#### **5/-- gentleness -- Kind, Good, Forgiving**

Being kind and holding a grudge, is like jumping from a plane without a parachute.

Just being good by itself don't cut it either. **Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**

#### **6/-- Goodness -- Moral excellence, Virtue, Generous**

Nowadays there are few that have real Christian morals, they have morals, like do unto others as you would have them do unto you, only do it first then run. (just kidding) But if they do not believe in the fulness and deity of Jesus, how can you have Christian morals. Virtue backs up your morals especially pertaining to sexual habits. Unforgiven premarital and adulteress sex is not guiltless. Even tho you think it is OK because everybody is doing it. There are many scriptures that deal with this but to keep it short in **Exodus 23:2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude\$ to do evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to decline after many to wrest judgment:**

Our society is the most generous of all for years for anything except anything to do with the Lord or his outreaches. Now there are real Christians that do and by real I again mean those that believe with the heart. You can give to all the various charities you want, but until you acknowledge gods share your robbing God. **Malichi 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.**

#### **7/-- Faith -- Trust in God, Confidence without proof**

**John 14:14-15 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

NOT LIKE if I see it then I'll believe it, although seeing is believing.

**Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,the evidence of things not seen.**

#### **8/-- Meekness --Consideration of others, Soft, Gentle**

With meekness, you have compassion for others and their situation. **Luke 15:20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him,and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.**

One of the ways, with Gods presents to know if he has given you meekness, is if you are tender of spirit. You know, an act of kindness brings joy, pleasure to the soul and

even with some, tears. **Psalms 56:8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?**

### **9/-- Temperance --Self Control, Moderation**

Our Natural reaction is to explain as to **WHY** we did something or try to justify our actions. Many justify their actions to themselves that if so and so hadn't done that, they would have no problem forgiving them or, I wouldn't have done what I done, thus deceive themselves. **Job 9:20 if I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.**

Moderation is one thing everybody understands, but very few abide by it. **Philippians 4:5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.**

*The whole key to a successful Christian walk is to be humble enough to take correction.*

**Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.**

God will and does correct us through our daily activities because without instruction we WILL go astray.

**Proverbs 5:23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.**

God also uses the foolishness of preaching to guide and correct us. **1Corinthians 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.**

**Romans 10:13-15 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?**

To the unsaved, they are smart enough and don't need to be told that their way isn't the way. **John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

To the lukewarm or backsliden, there is guilt then anger.

**Proverbs 15:10 Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.**

Trust this sheds some light for you

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