

“Fruit of the Spirit”—part 2

Two initial observations from Galatians 5:22-23...

1. *The Fruit of the Spirit is FRUIT, not fruits.*

Definition: The fruit of the Spirit is the life of Christ lived out in the Christian.

2. *The Fruit of the Spirit is produced by the SPIRIT, not us.*

Principle: Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

The Fruit of the Spirit (22-23)

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A. The Fruit of the Spirit in our Relationship with God:

Love, Joy, Peace

B. The Fruit of the Spirit in our Relationship with Others:

Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness

C. The Fruit of the Spirit in Ourselves:

Faith, Meekness, Self-Control

I. The Fruit of the Spirit in our Relationship with God: *Love*

Definition: Love is the choice I make to do what's best for the other person.

II. The Fruit of the Spirit in our Relationship with God: *Joy*

Definition: Joy is inner satisfaction regardless of circumstances.

III. The Fruit of the Spirit in our Relationship with God: *Peace*

Definition: Peace is tranquility in the midst of turmoil. (Jim Turner)