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Galatians 5: 22 & 23 NIV

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Galatians 5: 16 – 21 NIV

16 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. 17 For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

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19 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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What Are the Nine Fruits of the Spirit in the Bible?

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control,"(NIV)

There are nine fruits of the Spirit which are imparted to believers. These fruits are the obvious evidence that a person has the Spirit of God living inside and ruling over them. They display the character of a life submitted to God.

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How to Bear Fruit

The secret to developing an abundant crop of spiritual fruit is found in John 12:24:

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit

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Receiving the Fruits of the Spirit

Prayer, Bible reading, and fellowship with other believers will all help to nourish your new life in the Spirit and starve your old sinful self.

Ephesians 4:22-24 suggests letting go of any bad attitudes or habits from your *old* way of life: *"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires, to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."*

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What is love?“

The English word love has very broad meaning, but the Greek language was very precise. The love which the Holy Spirit manifests in believers is *agape*. This love is not a feeling, but a choice. It is the choice to be kind, to sacrifice, to consider another's needs greater than one's own (Philippians 2:3). *Agape* is used in all of the “hard” love verses in the New Testament:

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“Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13).

“For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another” (1 John 3:11).

“Love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back” (Luke 6:35).

“For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome” (1 John 5:3).

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Love is the greatest gift God can give. First Corinthians 13 says that *agape* is patient. *Agape* is kind. *Agape* never fails. God desires to show His perfect, selfless love to a world that is routinely confused about what true love is. God's children are the conduits of His love, as they are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

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What is joy?“

The joy of deliverance: When God sets someone free, rejoicing is in order.

The joy of salvation: Our greatest reason to be joyful is that God wants to save us and spend eternity with us, Nothing is better than this.

The joy of God's presence: The Holy Spirit draws us to God, in whose presence we can know true joy. Without the Holy Spirit, no one would seek God.

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What is peace?

In Romans 12:18, Paul exhorts, “If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.” What a perfect example of our role in the fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23. We are to submit our wills to God's leading and our actions to God's Word, but the actual results are up to Him. Only God can create peace through the work of the Holy Spirit.

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What is faithfulness?

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Faithfulness is steadfastness, constancy, or allegiance; it is carefulness in keeping what we are entrusted with; it is the conviction that the Scriptures accurately reflect reality.

Biblical faithfulness requires belief in what the Bible says about God—His existence, His works, and His character. Faithfulness is a fruit of the Spirit; it is the result of the Spirit working in us. But the Spirit is also our seal of faithfulness. He is our witness to God's promise that if we accept the truth about God, He will save us.

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What is gentleness?

Galatians 5:22-23 says that the Holy Spirit works in us to be more like Christ (Ephesians 4:14-16), and part of the fruit, or results, of that work is gentleness. Gentleness, also translated “meekness,” does not mean weakness. Rather, it involves humility and thankfulness toward God, and polite, restrained behavior toward others. The opposites of gentleness are anger, a desire for revenge, and self-aggrandizement.

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What is patience?

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Patience in the New Testament. means "a remaining under," as when one bears up under a burden. It refers to steadfastness in difficult circumstances. "Patience" in Galatians 5:22 literally means "long temper," in the sense of the ability to hold one's temper for a long time." The KJV translates it "longsuffering." A patient person is able to endure much pain and suffering without complaining. A patient person is slow to anger as he waits for God to provide comfort and punish wrongdoing. Since it is a fruit of the Spirit, we can only possess *it* through the power and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

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What is goodness?

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In Galatians 5:22-23, Paul lists the "fruit of the Spirit." "Fruit," here, means "beneficial results," the good things that come from the Spirit's indwelling. As the Holy Spirit works in our lives, our character changes. Where we had harbored selfishness, cruelty, rebelliousness, and spite, we now possess love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Everything in the list reflects the character of God, and goodness is one that relates directly to morality.

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What is self-control?

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The last characteristic listed in Galatians 5:22-23 as a fruit of the Spirit is self-control. The fruit of the Spirit is the change in our character that comes about because of the Holy Spirit's work in us. We do not become a Christian on our own, and we cannot grow on our own. Philippians 2:13 says that "it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." Every good thing we do is the fruit of the Spirit's work in our lives.

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Self-control (“temperance” in the KJV) is, of course, the ability to control oneself. It involves moderation, constraint, and the ability to say “no” to our baser desires and fleshly lusts.

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So if we take all nine of these thing that have been mention and place in lives then we can say that we have completed the harvest of the Holy Spirit.

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