



FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

*In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit. **Ephesians 1:13** (ESV)*

Your Spiritual life begins when you put your faith in Christ and receive the seal of the Holy Spirit

What happens when we receive the Holy Spirit?

1. The Gifts of The Spirit. (Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 1 Corinthians 12:28)

a) They are distributed at the will of the Holy Spirit

*All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. **1 Corinthians 12:11***

b) They are used at the will of the Holy Spirit

*For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. **2 Peter 1:21***

c) They are not the measure of spirituality.

*1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. **1 Corinthians 13:1-2** (NIV)*

2. The Fruit of the Spirit.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. **Gal. 5:22-23** (ESV)*

Where does it show if you are living a spiritual life? In your character.

It is revealed when you're under pressure and when you think no one is watching.

*8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. **1 Corinthians 13:8-10** (ESV)*

II Important Considerations About the Fruit of Spirit.

1. Bearing fruit is an ongoing process that is full of trials.

*I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. **John 15:1-2** (NIV)*

2. The only way we bear fruit is connected to God through Christ.

4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

*5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. **John 15:4-5** (NIV)*

3. The more we grow in our knowledge of God, the more fruit we bear.

*We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience. **Colossians 1:9-11***

*"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." **Jeremiah 17:7-8** (NIV)*

4. It is when we bear fruit that we glorify God.

*By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. **John 15:8** (ESV)*

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. **John 13:35***