

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit

What is the fruit of the Spirit? The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. (*Gal. 5:22–23*).

Question: What is God's will for our life?

1 Thess. 4:3

- God is not interested in our boasting of the gifts we have used but our character.

Matt. 7:21-23

WALK BY THE SPIRIT

- Christians are called to walk by the Spirit
- The demonstration of our maturity is the fruit of the Spirit in our lives

Gal. 5:16

Matt. 6:33

SARX

- The Spirit is to be evidenced in our lives as opposed to the flesh

Gal. 5:16-18

Flesh *Gk. sarx*: Our corrupt nature, our fallenness.

John 3:6

Spirit *Gk. pneuma*: Regenerate man

ROTTEN FRUIT

- Works of the flesh, what the spirit is not.
 - The flesh will not inherit the kingdom of God
 - If these things constitute a life style, living in unrepentant sin.
 - The Christian in the Spirit makes progress in victory over the flesh.

Gal. 5:19-21

SPIRITUAL FRUIT

- The Fruit of the Spirit
 - Christians need to be battling the old nature
 - Plants need cultivation to produce fruit
 - All Christians are to produce this fruit vs the diversity of the spiritual gifts
- Gentleness
 - Strength under control
- Joy
 - We are not to be grumblers
 - Despite circumstances the Christian knows their redemption is secure.
- Patience
 - God is patient with us and we are to be like our Father
- Kindness
 - Caring and considerate of others

Gal. 5:22-26

Matt. 7:20

Matt. 20:25-28

Phil. 4:4

Psalms 103:8

Ephesians 4:32

Fruit needs to be cultivated and this fruit of the Spirit pleases God

1 Peter 1:15