

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5: 13-23



you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control.

23 Against such there is no law. **24** And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one

8 For he who sows of the flesh reaps who sows to the Spirit reap everlasting life. **9** And let us not do anything that we shall not do, for we shall reap if we do. **10** Therefore in your mutual affection, let us desire to excel one another in love, as you have already done. **11** See what grace we have written to you, which is the truth. **12** As many as are walking in the flesh will be crucified. **13** For the flesh desires to be against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires to be against the flesh, and they are in conflict with one another, so that you do not do what the flesh desires.

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The Characteristics of Fruit

Singular Not Plural

Gal 5:22 - “But, the fruit of the Spirit IS.....”

Not an optional sequence

Col 3:14 - “Over all these virtues put on love,
which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Not the same as gifts or talents

1 Cor 12:11 – “The Spirit distributes gifts to each one,
just as he determines.”

John 15:16 – “I chose you and appointed you
so that you might go and bear fruit”

Attitudes that drive actions

1 Cor 13 – Love is.....



The Criticality of Fruit

Helps us with our “inner struggle”

Gal 5: 18 – “If you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law”

The enabler of discipleship

John 14:15 – “If you love me, you will obey my commandments”

Part of your transformation

James 2:14 – “Faith without works is dead”

Required for fullness of life

John 10:10 – “I have come that you might have life in all its fullness”

The Consequences of Fruit

The mark of a disciple

Matt 7:20 – “By their fruit you will recognise them”



Pruning

John 15:2 – “every branch that bears fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful”

Cutting off

John 15:2 – “if anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers”





Spirit's Fruit

..... Become so fruity, that not only your mouth waters, but your whole being flows with the living water of the Spirit.