

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

An Introduction

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What is The Fruit of the Spirit?

* Love

* Goodness

* Joy

* Faithfulness

* Peace

* Gentleness

* Longsuffering

* Self-control

* Kindness

Why Study The Fruit of the Spirit?

- * That we may avoid the works of the flesh
(vv. 16-17, 19-21)
- * To live without the presence of the law
(v.18)
- * So we may inherit the kingdom of God
(v.21)
- * In order to promote unity in the body
(v.26)

That we may avoid the works of the flesh (vv. 16-17, 19-21)

- * Walking in the Spirit or fulfilling the lust of the flesh.
You are doing one or the other.
- * **Matthew 12:30** - He who is not for Me is against Me
- * **Matthew 6:24** - You cannot serve two masters
- * **Matthew 7:13-14** - The narrow gate or the wide gate
- * **Galatians 5:16** - Walk in the Spirit and you shall not fulfill the works of the flesh

To live without the presence of the law (v.18)

* “By as much as the Spirit triumphs within us, by that much are we freed from feeling the presence of the law. So long as we have two wills we are sensible of conflict, and so the restraint of the law, but when our nature is merged with the will of the Spirit, so that there is but one will within us, then we lose all consciousness of restraint...

- *J. W. McGarvey (Commentary of Galatians, p.283)*

To live without the presence of the law (**v.18**)

* “So the Christian should strive to bring his own will into such perfect accord with the will of the Spirit that he does not feel the constraint of the law upon him.”

- *J. W. McGarvey (Commentary of Galatians, p.283)*

So we may inherit the kingdom of God (v.21)

* You can't be these things and go to heaven

* **Galatians 5:19-21**

adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like

* **I Corinthians 6:9-10**

fornicators, idolators, adulterers, homosexuals, sodomites, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, extortioners

So we may inherit the kingdom of God
(**v.21**)

* We must also *do* something to go to heaven

* **John 15:1-8** - You must bear FRUIT

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