



“Fruit of Righteousness” Wed Dec 4, 2024

I. **Philippians 1:9-11**

A. Growing Up...

1. Leaving the Basics and Moving to the Greater.
2. **Ephesians 4:14-15** *“That we henceforth no longer be children tossed to and fro (pinball effect)....but grow up...”*

B. How do I know my status with God (measuring stick)?

1. Answer: The Fruit I Bear (Greek – Singular).
2. **John 15:8** *“Herein is my Father glorified that you bear much fruit.”*
 - Your fruit is dependent upon your connection...
 - Jesus said, *“I am the vine and you are the branch; He that abides in Me and I in him, the same bears much fruit.” (John 15:5)*

II. The Fruit of the Spirit – **Galatians 5:16-24**

A. Walk in the Spirit

1. *“Stay connected to Jesus, the vine.”*
 - Through prayer...communication and meditation in God’s Word.
 - Through Being Led by God’s Hand instead of the World’s – Not being moved by your feelings, but being led by Faith
2. The importance of understanding what being “crucified with Christ” really means – The Flesh and the Spirit conflict against each other, but you have a choice. *“Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly...”*

B. The Works of the Flesh (Many Things)

1. Adultery, Fornication, Uncleaness, Lasciviousness – Lusts of the eyes and lusts of the flesh; sexual and immoral desires.
2. Idolatry – worshipping an idol (I wonder if T.V. and phones fit into this?)
3. Hatred, Variance (Quarrel or Contentions), Emulations (Jealousy), Wrath, Strife, Seditions (Division).
4. Envy, Murder, Drunkenness, Revellings (Rioting) – and such like.

C. Fruit of the Spirit (Notice in God’s eyes, it is one fruit, not many).

1. Paul is not naming different kinds of fruit that the Spirit gives, instead he is describing the different characteristics of the grace that the Spirit is working in you. What Paul is helping us see is that if the Spirit is truly in us, then we should see the evidence through the presence of the entirety of the “fruit,” which is described by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. **Not one or two characteristics, but all of them.**
2. Fruit doesn’t appear all at once; it must grow and mature. As it grows, the more visible it becomes....all of it (love, joy, peace, patience, self-control...).