

Fruit of the Spirit Bible study

Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control
Against such there is no law.





Fruit of the spirit....Love

Find Bible examples of the types of love. Man to man, man to God and God to man.

1. What is the Biblical meaning of the fruit of "love"? Look up the Greek definition.

2. Where are other Scriptures that describe love found? Are they all the same meaning?

3. How can we cultivate the fruit of love described in Galatians 5:22?

4. Personal reflections on love in your own life. Do I love the Lord? Do I love others? Do I love myself? What can I do to change the lack of love in my life?



Fruit of the spirit....Joy

Find Bible examples of the joy..

1. What is the Biblical meaning of the fruit of "joy"? Look up the definition.
2. Where are other Scriptures that describe joy found? Are they all the same meaning?
3. How can we cultivate the fruit of joy described in Galatians 5:22-23?
4. Personal reflections on joy in your own life. Do I live a joyful life? If not, what is stopping me from being joyful?



Fruit of the spirit....Peace

Find Bible examples of the types of peace.

1. What is the Biblical meaning of the fruit of "peace"? Look up the definition.
2. Where are other Scriptures that describe peace found? Are they all the same meaning?
3. How can we cultivate the fruit of peace and peacefulness described in Galatians 5:22?
4. Personal reflections on peace in your own life. Do I have peace? Do I choose peace instead of conflicts?



Fruit of the spirit....Longsuffering

Find Bible examples of the types of longsuffering.

1. What is the Biblical meaning of the fruit of "longsuffering"? Look up the definition
2. Where are other Scriptures that describe longsuffering found? Are they all the same meaning? Find Biblical people who showed this fruit in their lives.
3. How can we cultivate the fruit of longsuffering described in Galatians 5:22,23?
4. Personal reflections on longsuffering in your own life. Do I stand strong in the place of waiting on God or other people's influence on my life?



Fruit of the spirit....Kindness

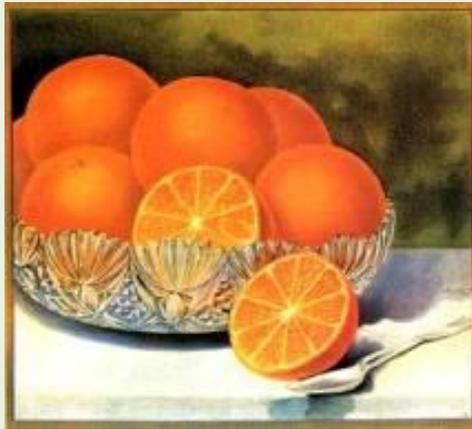
Find Bible examples of the types of kindness.

1. What is the Biblical meaning of the fruit of "kindness"? Look up the Greek definition.

2. Where are other Scriptures that describe kindness found? Are they all the same meaning?

3. How can we cultivate the fruit of kindness described in Galatians 5:22,23?

4. Personal reflections on kindness in your own life. Do I treat others kindly? Do I genuinely have kindness in my heart towards them or am I just "acting" kind to look good to others in my life?



Fruit of the spirit....Goodness

Find Bible examples of the types of goodness.

1. What is the Biblical meaning of the fruit of "goodness"? Look up the Greek definition.

2. Where are other Scriptures that describe goodness found? Are they all the same meaning for God's goodness to man and man's goodness to other men?

3. How can we cultivate the fruit of goodness described in Galatians 5:22,23?

4. Personal reflections on goodness in your own life. Do I goodness in my heart? Do I show goodness to those in my life? Do I have a good heart or just act good to impress others?



Fruit of the spirit...Faithfulness

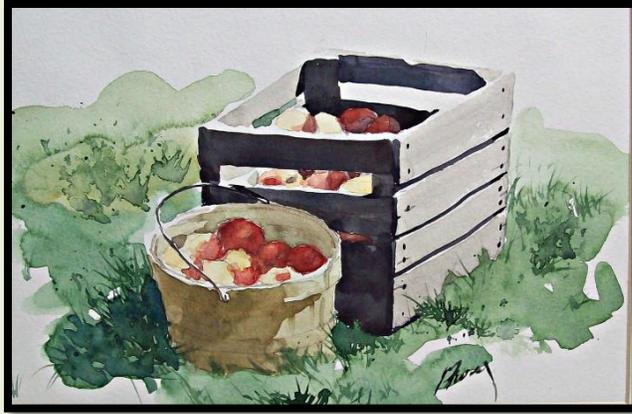
Find Bible examples of the types of faithfulness.

1. What is the Biblical meaning of the fruit of "faithfulness"? Look up the Greek definition.

2. Where are other Scriptures that describe faithfulness found? Are they all the same meaning? Is there a difference between God's faithfulness and man's faithfulness?

3. How can we cultivate the fruit of faithfulness described in Galatians 5:22,23?

4. Personal reflections on faithfulness in your own life. Am I faithful to God and others? Do I keep promises I make? Do I support those who love me in backing them up and holding them in times of trouble? Am I faithful to the Word of God?



Fruit of the spirit....Gentleness

Find Bible examples of the types of gentleness.

1. What is the Biblical meaning of the fruit of "gentleness"? Look up the Greek definition.

2. Where are other Scriptures that describe gentleness found? Are they all the same meaning? What examples are there of Biblical people who were gentle?

3. How can we cultivate the fruit of gentleness described in Galatians 5:22,23?

4. Personal reflections on gentleness in your own life. Am I gentle to others? Do I press my will on others without thinking of their needs? When others are hurting, do I take the time to comfort them and pray for their needs? Do I judge when I should try to understand?



Fruit of the spirit...Self-Control

Find Bible examples of the types of self-control.

1. What is the Biblical meaning of the fruit of "self-control"? Look up the Greek definition.

2. Where are other Scriptures that describe self-control found? Are they all the same meaning? Who are some Bible people who practiced self-control?

3. How can we cultivate the fruit of self-control described in Galatians 5:22,23?

4. Personal reflections on self-control in your own life. Do I control my impulses? Can I keep my opinions to myself and even refuse to think evil of others? Do I speak before thinking, react to others attacks against me with comebacks?

Galatians 5:22,23
The Fruit
of the
spirit



Reflections
on the
fruit of the
human spirit

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22,23, NKJV

"But the fruit that the Spirit produces in a person's life is love, joy, peace, patience kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. There is no law against these kinds of things." Galatians 5:22,23 Easy-to-read version

"But what happens when we live Gods' way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard-things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenityh. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. Legalism is helpless in bringing this about;" Galatians 5:22,23 The Message version

"But the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy that overflows, peace that subdues, patience that endures, kindness in action, a life full of virtue, faith that prevails, gentleness of heart and strength of spirit. Never set the law above these qualities, for they are meant to be limitless." Galatians 5:22,23 The Passion Translation

When we look at these different translations of these verses, we see an expanded view of what surrendering to the Holy Spirit produces in our lives. In our own abilities we are unable to live holy before the Lord. But when we allow the Holy Spirit to teach us through the revelation of the Bible, we start changing inside and these fruits are producing in us. Sometimes only small buds on the vine, yet fruit just the same.

The one thing that is so refreshing about this fruit is that anyone can produce it. It flows from relationship with the Godhead; Father, Son and Spirit. When we spend time with the Word of God, we will grow. There is no way to not produce the fruit if you are plugged into the Vine, Jesus Christ.

In John 15:1, Jesus tells us He is the Vine and the Father is the vinedresser.

In John 16:13, Jesus tells us The Spirit is truth and he will guide us into all truth.

These promises, given to us by Jesus, are a platform for growth. We can choose to allow the Holy Spirit to challenge our lifestyle and attitudes with the Bible, or we can stew in selfish fleshly lifestyle and miss out on a wonderful relationship with Jesus.