

THE SPIRIT'S FRUITFULNESS IN YOU IV

Galatians 5:22d-23a

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Intro.: 1) The *fruit of the Spirit* is what the Spirit produces in the life of an individual that He directs and influences.

2) Other passages admonish you to live this way, but this passage reminds you that to produce such qualities on a consistent basis, you need the leading, guiding, and empowering of God's Spirit.

****4 consideration about this fruit to help you grow this spiritual crop****

I. THE CLEAR CONTRAST—*but...*

II. THE SPIRITUAL CROP—*the fruit of the Spirit*

III. THE MULTI-FACETED FRUIT

A. "LOVE"—GIVING OF SELF

B. "JOY"—CONFIDENT HOPE FOR LIFE

C. "PEACE"—INTERNAL CALM

D. "LONGSUFFERING"—PATIENT ENDURANCE

E. "GENTLENESS"—MERCIFUL KINDNESS

F. "GOODNESS"—ACTIVELY HELPFUL

G. "FAITH"—FAITH-FILLED _____

1. _____ in God

a. The initial response of faith

(John 16:8-11; John 15:26-27)

b. The growing _____ of faith

Hebrews 11 by faith

2. _____ for God

**Confidence to trust in God is based on what characteristic of God?*

*It is the virtue of being _____ so that other people can put their _____ in you.

-1 Corinthians 4:2

-Leviticus 19:18[turn]

H. "MEEKNESS"—SUBMITTED _____

-a godly virtue found among other good virtues (*Col.3:12, 1Tim.6:11*)

-a good quality when dealing with others (*Eph.4:2; Gal.6:1; 2Tim.2:25; Titus 3:2*).

-a characteristic of Jesus (*2Cor.10:1; Matthew 11:29*)

**Numbers 12:3[turn] Moses was very meek So you know that we are not talking about a weak-kneed, soggy-bread type of man who was always gentle, and cowered at the least sign of difficulty and conflict.*

God's Spirit works in your heart to bring you to the place of submission of self, placing your power and abilities under the authority of God's will.

**James 1:21[turn]*

receive—

with meekness—

the engrafted Word—

-Are you doing that?

Are you yielded to God's Spirit so that He can be producing fruit in your life?