

THE SPIRIT'S FRUITFULNESS IN YOU

Galatians 5:23b

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Intro.:1) Spring in always a wonderful time of year because it reminds you of new life.

2) Yet unlike the flowers and plants, this fruit of the Spirit can only come as you desire it and cooperate with God in His will and way.

****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 DEPENDABILITY
- H. "MEEKNESS"—SUBMITTED POWER

I. "TEMPERANCE"—SELF-CONTROL

****3 notes that can help you yield to the Spirit's way of temperance****

1. The Clarifying Considerations about Self-Control

a. The _____

**temperance—*

**sober—*

b. The opposite

**the works of the flesh...*

c. The distinction (Luke 9:23-24)

**deny himself— (John 3:30)*

2. The Pointed _____ about Self-Control (Proverbs 25:28)

**no rule over his own spirit—*

a. Control your physical _____ (Philippians 3:19)

**whose god is their belly—*

**whose glory is their shame—*

**who mind earthly things—*

b. Control your _____ ambitions (Galatians 5:16)

**lusts—*

Proverbs 25:28 ...no rule over his own spirit

**How would you categorize desires that are to be controlled?*

#1 _____ desires—deny always. *Titus 2:11-12*

#2 _____ desires—deny when _____ of God's will. *Matthew 4:1-4*

#3 _____ desires—deny when _____ God's will.

3. The _____ Comparison about Self-Control (1Corinthians 9:24-27)

Psalms 19:14

a. The _____—*the prize*

**Keep it as your goal that when you enter that eternal realm, you will see the smile of Jesus as He gives to you an incorruptible crown.*

b. The _____—*be temperate*

c. The _____—*so run*

*How are you doing at controlling yourself?

*Self-control is Spirit-control, yield yourself to Him.