

**The Fruit of the Spirit**  
*Living in the Spirit – Part 5*  
Life Church St. Louis – October 16, 2016  
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*John 15:5 (NIV) "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

*John 15:6 (NIV) If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.*

*John 15:7 (NIV) If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

*John 15:10 (NIV) If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.*

*Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

**1. Bear the Spirit's fruit towards \_\_\_\_\_**

**1A. \_\_\_\_\_ is loving God with all you have**

*Mark 12:30 (NIV) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'*

**1B. \_\_\_\_\_ is receiving answers to your prayers**

*John 16:24 (NIV) Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.*

**1C. \_\_\_\_\_ is the absence of fear**

*John 14:27 (NIV) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

**2. Bear the Spirit's fruit towards \_\_\_\_\_**

**2A. \_\_\_\_\_ forgives those who hurt you**

*Colossians 3:13 (NIV) Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.*

**2B. \_\_\_\_\_ does right in response to wrong**

*1 Thessalonians 5:15 (NIV) Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.*

**2C. \_\_\_\_\_ works for the good of others**

*Romans 8:28 (NIV) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

**3. Bear the Spirit's fruit in \_\_\_\_\_**

**3A. \_\_\_\_\_ stewards all of God's gifts**

*1 Corinthians 4:2 (NIV) Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.*

**3B. \_\_\_\_\_ is reflected in a humble witness**

*1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,*

**3C. \_\_\_\_\_ resists Satan's temptations**

*1 Peter 5:8-9a (NIV) Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith ...*

**Action Plan for This Week**

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
  - Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun
- Study John 15 and Gal. 5 to better understand the fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- Invite your friends, relatives, workmates & neighbors to our Sunday service.

# The Fruit of the Spirit Study Guide

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Intro. According to Jesus, what are the conditions for bearing much fruit (John 15:5)?

What is the consequence for someone who doesn't remain in Jesus (John 15:6)?

How does John 15:6 refute the biblically incorrect belief "Once Saved, Always Saved"?

What are the conditions for having your prayers answered (John 15:7)? Why can Jesus make this promise?

How does Jesus say that you can remain in His love (John 15:10)?

How are the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23, the character traits of Jesus?

1A. What does it mean to love God with all you have (Mark 12:30)?

1B. Why do you think joy is tied to answered prayer (John 16:24)?

1C. According to Jesus, what must you do to have the fruit of peace (John 14:27)?

1D. What is significant about the fact that all these verses are commands to bear the Spirit's fruit?

1E. How do these first three fruit have to do with our relationship with God?

2A. How is patience with others related to forgiveness (Colossians 3:13)?

2B. In what ways does kindness go beyond forgiveness towards those who have wronged you (1 Thessalonians 5:15)?

2C. How should our goodness follow God's example in Romans 8:28?

2D. How can you grow in these three fruit towards others?

3A. What gifts has God given us to be faithful stewards with (1 Corinthians 4:2)?

3B. Why is it often difficult to be gentle in our witness (1 Peter 3:15)?

3C. Why do you think that self-control is one of the most difficult fruit to develop?

3D. How does Satan test our self-control (1 Peter 5:8-9)?

3E. In what ways do these last three fruits have to do with our battle with the devil?