

## Overcoming Negativity Through the Fruit of the Spirit

Overview: As we draw closer to the return of Jesus, Scripture warns us that because lawlessness shall abound, the love of many will grow cold (Matt 24:12). Now is the time to rid yourself of negativity through the nature of God so that your love burns ever brighter.

- A. The Nature of the Battle Matt 24:4, 9-13
1. Battle for the image—God/devil.
  2. Many will be offended, betrayals & hate, deceived, iniquity, love grows cold.
  3. Endure (Remain) to the end—will be saved.
- B. The Nature of God—The Fruit of the Spirit in Us Gal 5:21-25
1. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, self-control. Against such there is no law.
  2. They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
  3. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
- C. The Nature of Spiritual Warfare Through the Fruit of the Spirit
1. God can bring good out of every negative circumstance. Rom 8:28; James 1:2-4
  2. A Fruit of the Spirit is attached to any negative situation. Matt 5:11-12; Jn 16:33  
Rom 8:35-39; Rom 15:5; Phil 4:7; Col 3:15; 2 Tim 2:24-25; 2 Thess 3:16; 1 Jn 4:18
  3. No frustration in Heaven. Matt 6:10
- D. The Nature of Transformation—Let the Fruit of the Spirit Elevate You Above the Negative Circumstances.
1. Recognize in the moment when you are in negativity. Rom 2:4
  2. This “problem” is an opportunity to shine! Phil 2:14-15  
Flip negativity to your advantage through the Fruit of the Spirit.
  3. Move in the opposite spirit. Matt 5:44; Luke 6:35
  4. Practice. Make the devil sorry his attack resulted in a James 1:25  
landing strip for the Fruit of the Spirit to mature in you.

Suggestion: The Fruit of the Spirit transforms our focus in every circumstance. Our experiences are meant to transform us into the daily image of Christ. This week notice how you are in process of being transformed as you partner with the Holy Spirit in developing the Fruit of the Spirit in your daily life.