

Become a Fruit-Bearing Believer

A. Why Should You Become a Fruit-Bearing Believer Bearing Fruit of the Spirit?

1. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb **bearing (producing) seed**, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the **fruit of a tree yielding seed**; to you it shall be for meat. Gen 1:29 KJV
2. But I say, walk and live [habitually] **in the [Holy] Spirit** [responsive to and controlled and **guided by the Spirit**]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). Gal 5:16 AMPC
3. But if you are **guided (led) by the [Holy] Spirit**, you are not subject to the Law. Gal 5:18 AMPC
4. “But the **fruit of the [Holy] Spirit** [the work which His presence within accomplishes] **is**” one Fruit with nine characteristics or attributes of God. Gal 5:22a AMPC
5. The Fruit of the Spirit demonstrates that you are growing in Christ Jesus.
6. All Believers have the potential to produce the Fruit of the Spirit.
7. Operating DAILY in the Fruit of the Spirit shows a transformed, mature Christian.

B. What is the Nine Fruit of the Spirit?

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience (longsuffering, endurance, constancy), Gentleness (kindness), Goodness (virtue), Faith, Humility, (meekness) and Self-Control (discipline, moderation). Galatians 5:22-23 ABC Version

1. What is the **Fruit of Love**?
 - a) ⁷ Beloved, let us **love one another**, for **love is (springs) from God**; and he who loves [his fellowmen] is begotten (born) of God and is coming [progressively] to know and understand God [to perceive and recognize and get a better and clearer knowledge of Him]. ⁸ He who does **not love** has **not become acquainted with God** [does not and never did know Him], for **God is love.** ⁹ In this the **love of God** was made manifest (displayed) where we are concerned: **in that God sent His Son**, the only begotten or unique [Son], into the world so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ **In this is love**: not that **we loved God**, but that **He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins.** ¹¹ Beloved, **if God loved us so [very much], we also ought to love one another.** 1 John 4:7-11 AMPC
 - b) And we know (understand, recognize, are conscious of, by observation and by experience) and believe (adhere to and put faith in and rely on) the **love** God cherishes for us. **God is love**, and he who dwells and continues in love dwells and continues in God, and God dwells and continues in him. 1 John 4:16 AMPC
 - c) ⁴ **Love** endures long and is patient and kind; **love** never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. ⁵ It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. **Love (God’s love in us)** does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. ⁶ It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. ⁷ Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. ⁸ **Love never fails** [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth]. 1 Cor 13:4-8 AMPC

- d) ¹If I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, 1 Cor 13:1-13 AMPC
but have not love (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such as is inspired by **God's love** for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.² And if I have prophetic powers (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), and understand all the secret truths and mysteries and possess all knowledge, and if I have [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, **but have not love (God's love in me)** I am nothing (a useless nobody).³ Even if I dole out all that I have [to the poor in providing] food, and if I surrender my body to be burned or in order that I may glory, **but have not love (God's love in me)**, I gain nothing.⁴ **Love** endures long and is patient and kind; **love** never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.⁵ It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. **Love (God's love in us)** does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].⁶ It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.⁷ **Love** bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].⁸ **Love** never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].⁹ For our knowledge is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect), and our prophecy (our teaching) is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect).¹⁰ But when the complete and perfect (total) comes, the incomplete and imperfect will vanish away (become antiquated, void, and superseded).¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; now that I have become a man, I am done with childish ways and have put them aside.¹² For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim (blurred) reflection [of reality as in a riddle or enigma], but then [when perfection comes] we shall see in reality and face to face! Now I know in part (imperfectly), but then I shall know and understand fully and clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully and clearly known and understood by God].¹³ And so faith, hope, **love** abide [faith—conviction and belief respecting man's relation to God and divine things; hope—joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation; **love**—true affection for God and man, growing out of **God's love for and in us**], these three; **but the greatest of these is love.**

- e) **Do not love** or cherish the world or the things that are in 1 John 2:15 AMPC
the world. If anyone **loves** the world, love for the Father is not in him.

2. What is the **Fruit of Joy**?

- a) ⁸Without having seen Him, you love Him; though you 1 Peter 1:8-9 AMPC
do not [even]now see Him, you believe in Him and exult and thrill with inexpressible and glorious (triumphant, heavenly) **joy**. ⁹ [At the same time] you receive the result (outcome, consummation) of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
- b) For the **joy of the Lord** is your strength and stronghold. Neh 8:10b AMPC

3. What is the **Fruit of Peace**?

- a) **Peace** I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give John 14:27 AMPC
and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. [Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]
- b) I have told you these things, so that in Me you may John 16:33 AMPC
have [perfect] **peace** and confidence. In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer [take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted]! For I have overcome the world. [I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you.]

- c) ⁶ Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. ⁷ And **God's peace** [shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace] which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7 AMPC
4. What is the **Fruit of Patience (Longsuffering, Endurance, Constancy)**?
- a) Living as becomes you] with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with **patience**, bearing with one another and making allowances because you love one another. Eph 4:2 AMPC
- b) [We pray] that you may be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, [to exercise] every kind of endurance and **patience** (perseverance and forbearance) with joy. Col 1:11 AMPC
- c) Here [comes in a call for] the steadfastness of the saints [the **patience**, the endurance of the people of God], those who [habitually] keep God's commandments and [their] **faith** in Jesus. Rev 14:12 AMPC
5. What is the **Fruit of Gentleness (Kindness)**?
- a) A **gentle answer** quiets anger, but a harsh one stirs it up. Prov 15:1 GNT
- b) Let your **gentleness** be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Phil 4:5 NKJV
6. What is the **Fruit of Goodness (Virtue)**?
- a) Surely **goodness** and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life (which means that people will go out of their way to do good things for me); and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6 NKJV
- b) A **good man (woman)** out of the **good treasure** of his heart brings forth **good things**, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. Matt 12:35 NKJV
- c) So then, as occasion and opportunity open up to us, let us **do good** [morally] to all people [not only being useful or profitable to them, but also doing what is for their spiritual **good** and advantage]. Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith [those who belong to God's family with you, the believers]. Gal 6:10 AMPC
- d) Brethren, if any person is overtaken in misconduct or sin of any sort, you who are spiritual [who are responsive to and controlled by the Spirit] should set him right and restore and reinstate him, without any sense of superiority and with all **gentleness**, keeping an attentive eye on yourself, lest you should be tempted also. Gal 6:1 AMPC
7. What is the **Fruit of Faith**?
- a) Now **faith is** the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [**faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses**]. Heb 11:1 AMPC
- b) ¹⁶ May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality]. ¹⁷ May Christ through your **faith** [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be **rooted deep in love** and founded securely on **love**, May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality]. Eph 3:16-17 AMPC
- c) But only **faith** activated and energized and expressed and **working through love**. Gal 5:6 AMPC

- d) Here [comes in a call for] the steadfastness of the saints Rev 14:12 AMPC
[the **patience**, the endurance of the people of God], those who [habitually] keep God's
commandments and [their] **faith** in Jesus.

8. What is the **Fruit of Humility (Meekness)**?

- a) When swelling and pride come, then emptiness and shame Prov 11:2 AMPC/NIV
(disgrace) come also, but with (**humility**) the **humble** (those who are lowly, who have been pruned or
chiseled by trial, and renounce self) are skillful and godly Wisdom and soundness.
- b) Living as becomes you] with complete lowliness of mind Eph 4:2 AMPC
(**humility**) and **meekness** (unselfishness, **gentleness**, mildness), with **patience**, bearing with one
another and making allowances because you **love one another**.
- c) ¹¹ The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as a high Prov 18:11-13 AMPC
protecting wall in his own imagination and conceit. ¹² Haughtiness comes before disaster, but
humility before honor. ¹³ He who answers a matter before he hears the facts — it is folly and shame
to him.
- d) Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Prov 16:18 AMPC
- e) If we [freely] admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, 1 John 1:0 AMPC
He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [dismiss our
lawlessness] and [continuously] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [everything not in conformity to
His will in purpose, thought, and action].

**True humility is being humble enough to not only ask God for forgiveness for the sins you have
committed, but also forgive yourself. In addition, if possible, prayerfully consider apologizing to the
person(s) you may have offended, even if it was unintentional. Then ask him/her to forgive you. If
you have offended anyone, it is a good recommendation to consider saying the words, "Please
forgive me, I apologize that I offended you." When someone asks forgiveness from you, it is a good
recommendation to say the words to them, "I forgive you for offending me," so they know that you
have been forgiven him/her.*

9. What is the **Fruit of Self-Control (Discipline, Moderation)**?

- a) ⁵ For this very reason, adding your diligence 2 Peter 1:5-7 AMPC
[to the divine promises], employ every effort in exercising your **faith** to develop virtue (excellence,
resolution, Christian energy), and in [exercising] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence), ⁶ And in
[exercising] knowledge [develop] **self-control**, and in [exercising] **self-control** [develop]
steadfastness (**patience**, endurance), and in [exercising] steadfastness [develop] godliness (piety),
⁷ And in [exercising] godliness [develop] brotherly affection, and in [exercising] brotherly affection
[develop] **Christian love**.
- b) For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of 2 Tim 1:7 AMPC
craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of **love** and of calm
and well-balanced mind and **discipline** and **self-control**.

C. **Fruit of the Spirit Affirmation you can pray every day:**

**"In the name of Jesus, in accordance with Galatians 5:22-23, I operate in the Fruit of the Spirit every
day, because the Holy Spirit helps me to produce more Fruit of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness,
Goodness, Faith, Humility, and Self-Control."**