

## *The Fruit of the Spirit Part 2*

***“22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”***  
***(Galatians 5:22-23 KJV)***

We will continue in this message speaking about the remaining of the fruit of the Spirit. We previously spoke about love, joy, peace, and longsuffering.

**5. Gentleness:** \* Your rude style of shouting and speaking harsh words will be replaced by comforting words, pleasant testimonies, praise and thanksgiving to God. \* You will be keen not to injure anyone around you in the way you speak. Paul said to the Thessalonians describing his actions while he was with them in the following: ***“7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:”*** (1 Thessalonians 2:7 KJV) The nurse here is the caring mother to her children; that she love them and care for them, speaking to them gentle and kind words expressing the good things that she had inside her towards them. \* Gentleness should be exercised in the atmosphere of the house among the family members, especially in your own family. \* As well as gentleness needed to be exercised in the life of our church among the members, for the church is the family of God. \* In our service and ministry we need to be gentle towards all men and speak kind and gentle words towards them. Paul said to Timothy the following: ***“24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,”*** (2 Timothy 2:24 KJV) You need to exercise gentleness towards all men in reaching out to them in evangelism and during discipleship and in counseling them and in training them to serve God. Paul instructed Titus what to teach the brethren and the following is one of the instructions: ***“2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.”*** (Titus 3:2 KJV) That should not use the tongue to speak evil things against others, not to fight, but to be gentle, speaking kind words and show humility toward all men. Therefore, let us not to speak evil about people but the truth, let us not to fight, but be gentle in our speech and actions, showing humility toward other men.

It pertains to gentleness, Apostle James described the wisdom that will come down from Heaven as the following: ***“17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.”*** (James 3:7 KJV) One of the characters of the wisdom of God is that it will show gentleness. Therefore let us show more gentleness so that we can express the wisdom of God.

Also God dealing with us in gentleness, and His gentleness makes us great as David said, ***“35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.”*** (Psalm 18:35 KJV) Therefore, let us deal in gentles with our family members, our brethren in the church and with the people around us and under our care so they may grow and be great. Even if we are in higher position over others, God still wants us to be gentle towards them.

**6. Goodness:** After we come to know Christ we are called to do the good works that He prepared in advance for us to do, ***“10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus***

***unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”*** (Ephesians 2:10 KJV) Goodness or kindness is the good works that God had ordained for you to do. Previously, you had irrational behavior towards other people around you. But now you will be more kind to them in doing the very good works that God had prepared in advance for you to do. You will be kind to the poor, the slaves, the sick people, the prisoners, and the oppressed. You will be kind to the widows, the fatherless, the old aged people, and to those in trouble or facing trials and tribulations. Your hand will extend love towards the weak, the poor and the feeble people around you. ***“13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.”*** (Luke 14:13-14 KJV)

God will change your daily activity towards doing good deeds towards God and for others. Changes may touch your daily entertainment and the time that you spend to please yourself. The time you spend into useless things you will give to God to be used in a proper way. You will notice and the people around you will see how you are changing from harmful or useless person to a beneficial and useful child of God. Changes will extend to your personal life, work, profession and future plans. All these will be touched by God, and will be changed or used in a better way according to His good and perfect plan for you. Think seriously now about your time and resources and get rid of any activity in your life that use your resources in ungodly way like having friends and spending time on them, spending time on parties, spending time on the net, Facebook, YOU Tube, news and games, and the rest of the entertainment and the social Media which used much of your time and hinder you from achieving what God had ordained for you to do of good works and ministry. Wake up now, repent of all such and come fully to God and start to serve Him.

**7. Faith:** Is one of the fruit of the Holy Spirit, and that to trust God and start to obey Him. Through faith we can receive the salvation of God, His gift to us, that He give to us by His grace, ***“8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:”*** (Ephesians 2:8 KJV) Faith on God comes by hearing, in hearing the Word of God, ***“17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*** (Romans 10:17 KJV) That is why you need to continually read and listen to the Word of God so that your faith will increase. But watching news, movies, Facebook, playing games and other entertainments on the Media will cripple your faith, so be careful and quit such. The apostles prayed to Jesus to increase their faith, ***“5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith.”*** (Luke 17:5 KJV) So we need to ask Jesus to increase our faith, because when our faith will increase we will be able to obey God more and we will be able to interact with God and do the more works that express and show our true faith in God. ***“14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? 23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him***

*for righteousness; and he was called the Friend of God. 24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. 25 Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” (James 2:14-26 KJV)* Faith help us to do the good works of God; faith help us to obey God as here Abraham obeyed God when he offered his son Isaac on the altar, as Rahab the prostitute by faith obeyed God, was willing to come out from her sins and started to do the good works of God. **Faith makes you faithful to God who had saved you from death and has given you eternal life. Your faithfulness will be extended towards your family, your household, your spouse (marital faithfulness), you children (parental faithfulness), toward the Church of God, and as well as toward your work, and towards the non believers by giving them the gospel and live in a good testimony in front of them.**

Faith can move mountains by trusting God to do the impossible things. *“22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” (Mark 11:22-24 KJV)* Jesus when He saw the faith of those who brought to Him a man who was crippled, He healed him, *“20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.” (Luke 5:20 KJV)*

**8. Meekness:** Is to be humble, another fruit of the Spirit that shows the character of Jesus. *“5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.” (Matthew 5:5 KJV)* Meekness is to have the mind and the attitude of Christ, *“1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Philippians 2:1-11 KJV)* Meekness can be shown through the following:

**A. Esteem others:** *“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.” (Philippians 2:3 KJV)* **See the good things in others and appreciate the points that others have and are better than you.**

**B. To be humble is not to be selfish:** *“4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” (Philippians 2:4 KJV)* **Think about the interests of others and not only your interest only.**

**C. Don't boast about yourself of who you are:** *“7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:” (Philippians 2:7 KJV)* Jesus made Himself of no reputation by taking the form of a servant to serve others. Although He was God, but was willing to be a servant in order to serve the purpose of God, and to serve the people that He died for. **Be willing to be a servant and a service provider to help those who are in need.**

**D. Be willing to humble yourself and don't let God force you to humble down:** *“8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” (Philippians 2:8 KJV)* Jesus spontaneously humbled Himself and was willing to be a man; that He went down from being God to be a man, and was willing to suffer for the cause of God; willingly He gave His life, even to die the death on the cross with all its sufferings. **In the same way be willing to go low and willingly humble yourself for the purpose of God and accept suffering for Christ and His will in your life.**

**9. Temperance:** Is to have moderation or self-control that you should know when you need to stop. All sinful acts are against God and you should have self control not to do any of them as the following: *“19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Galatians 5:19-21 KJV)* To practice temperance in our behaviour we need to abstain from activities and attitudes that are offensive to our fellowman or that lead to addiction or enslavement. Temperance or self-control is one of the cardinal Christian virtues as we read in the following Scriptures: *“25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.” (1 Corinthians 9:25 KJV)* **Therefore as we are persevering to reach Heaven then we should abstain and not allow the works of the flesh to prevail in our lives. “8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;” (Titus 1:8 KJV)** As we read here one of the character of those who serve God is to be temperate; **therefore, we need to be temperate and have self-control to avoid all the works of the flesh. “2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.” (Titus 2:2 KJV)** Whether men or women all needed to be temperate and have self control and as the following:

**A. We are admonished to practice moderation and balance in our behaviours:** *“5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.” (Philippians 4:5 KJV)* **Avoid going to the extremes that we cannot find in the Scripture.**

**B. The Scripture indicates that it is within our ability to control our thinking:** *“8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.” (Philippians 4:8 KJV)* **We should control our thinking and not to allow our minds to go into wrong way of thinking and having wrong thoughts about others.**

**C. The Scripture indicates that it is within our ability to control our anger:** “26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:” (Ephesians 4:26 KJV) “4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.” (Psalm 4:4 KJV) Before you sleep you need to settle your anger and control your thoughts and actions, and decide of what you need to do; putting in your mind that you need to act, and to suppress all reaction that will make the situation worse. “19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:19-21 KJV) Therefore do all what you can to control your anger in order to live a life pleasant to God.

**D. The Scripture indicates that it is within our ability to control our communication:** “29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” (Ephesians 4:29 KJV) “8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.” (Colossians 3:8 KJV) You should not allow bad words to come out from your mouth, putting in your mind that your word can build others or destroy them. Therefore control your tongue and speak gracious word as God wanting you to speak.

**E. The Scripture indicates that it is within our ability to control our eating habit that we should not go into gluttony and debauchery:** “1 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee: 2 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite. 3 Be not desirous of his dainties: for they are deceitful meat.” (Proverbs 23:1-3 KJV) We are also called to have self-control and to abstain totally from drinking alcohol which is affecting the mind of man and put man out of the way, “1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.” (Proverbs 20:1 KJV) “20 Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: 30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. 33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. 34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. 35 They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.” (Proverbs 23:20, 30-35 KJV) “7 But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.” (Isaiah 28:7 KJV) “18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;” (Ephesians 5:18 KJV)

**My dear and beloved:** The fruit of the Spirit are to be taken fully. It is improper for you to take some and leave the others behind. Joy and peace everyone likes and it is the first to manifest as indication of acceptance to Jesus and gaining eternal life. But the rest of the fruit; love longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance all needed to appear in our character and personality. They are called fruit and not fruits, therefore we need to gain them all so we can say we have the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and such will determine our growth and maturity in Christ and our effectiveness in the ministry that God

would entrust to us. Truly if we claim we have the real love of God to others and to ourselves, then we will desire and strive to reap all the fruit remaining.

It is high time for us to come to God and to check our maturity of what fruit we have and what fruit that we lack. As we submit ourselves fully to God then we need to yield to the work of the Holy Spirit, to be willing to be changed to manifest the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Let us prayer . . .

**My Prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for the teaching from your Word that I received in this message. Thank you for the eternal life that I have in Jesus and thank you for all your good promises to me.

Confess and renounce your sins now to God. Confess and renounce your pride and your rudeness and the lack of gentleness to others in your life. Renounce your harsh words and your bad treatment to the people around you. Confess your unfaithfulness, your lack of service and non willingness to help others and in non doing the good works that God entrusted you to do. Confess your lack of reading of God's word and the wasting of your time on the social Media. Renounce your boasting, selfishness and self-righteousness. Renounce your lack of self-control; anger, lack of moderation, thinking evil thoughts, eating much, drinking alcohol, immoralities, giving way to your flesh to do what you desire, and allowing corrupt communication to come out from your mouth. Lord forgive me, I confess and renounce the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord I commit myself to obey the teaching that I received in this message to get rid of the following works of the flesh in my life \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord I commit myself to work with you and allow the Holy Spirit to reproduce love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, and temperance, to combat the work of the flesh that people will see the character and the attitude of Jesus in my life.

Lord thank you for my brethren who committed their lives unto you. Lord continue to convict them of their sins and cleanse them from all the work of the flesh. Lord continue to speak to them and show them what are the sins that they should repent of and the style of life that they need to live for you. Lord use them to serve you. Lord refill them with the Holy Spirit and give them the spiritual gift that they need in their lives to go on and serve you.

Lord help us as a church and lead us into the narrow gate and continue to discipline us and correct us in order to reproduce the fruit of the Spirit that you desire to see in our lives. Lord protect us from the evil one and provide all our needs so we can continue to serve you. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the Spiritual gifts that we need in our lives that enable us to go and evangelize, reaching new people, making new disciples, training new workers, and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God'. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so we will not

*feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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