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FCS1-2-09: God Wants Us to Bear Fruit

Bearing Godly Fruit

Fruit: (Greek 2592 – *Matthew 13:22-23*) **to be fertile** (literally or figuratively):--be (bear, bring forth) fruit(-ful).

Fruit: (Merriam-Webster.com) a **result** or reward that **comes from some action or activity**.

Matthew 13:22-23 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth *it*; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

James 2:18 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.

The result of the Holy Spirit being within a person's life is the evidence (or testimony) of spiritual fruit and knowing that only the Holy Spirit can bear them. The fleshly nature is contrary to the Holy Spirit. Therefore, a person that is spiritually minded will overcome the lusts of their flesh (and those fruits of the flesh) to bear spiritual fruits. Their submission to the Holy Spirit is stronger than the internal lusts of their flesh.

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

This list of fruit may be set into three basic categories:

- 1) What God inspires within the Christian, which is an indicator to the disposition of the soul (love, joy and peace);*
- 2) What God uses to witness through the Christian testimony and some of the most effective attributes in sharing the Gospel (Long-suffering, gentleness and goodness);*
- 3) What the Christian personally requires being active in their lives to maintain their walk with God (faith, meekness and temperance).*



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Question 1

As described in Matthew 13:22-23, he that received seed into the good ground is he that:

- gets choked out by the cares of this life.
- understands the word.
- hears the word.
- bear fruit.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 2

As described in James 2:18, a person's faith and works go together.

True

False

True/False

Question 3

As described in Galatians 5:22-23, three of the fruits of the Spirit are:

Gentleness.

Meekness.

Revellings.

Joy.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 4

As defined, fruit may be defined as ...

a result of some action or activity, to be fertile in the spirit.

inactive faith.

intentions to do well.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 5

A healthy spirit and soul has a testimony of godly fruits being manifested from their lives.

True

False

True/False



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