

SPIRITUAL GROWTH REVIEW

The Fruit of the Spirit Is...



THE SECRETS OF BEING FRUITFUL

Memory Verse for this week: *"Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope. Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness."* Lamentations 3:21-23

1. What are the defining characteristics of someone who is faithful? What does it look like for someone to be faithful to others? What do they do to prove their faithfulness? When do we witness faithfulness lived out?
2. Consider **Proverbs 18:17**. Have you ever listened to one side of a story and believed it? Did you ever hear the other side of the story and realize that the truth may be with one side or the other - or neither? How should we deal with situations where people want us to side with their story?
3. What is it in our lives that generally challenges our faithfulness to God? What are our biggest hangups?
4. Look at **Romans 5:3-4**. Why does God allow for our faith to be tested? Isn't there a risk that we might fall away from faith?
5. Read **1 Peter 1:6-7**. Have you ever had your faith tested? What should we do when we feel like we are facing a test?

6. In **Job 2:9**, Job's wife told him to "Curse God and die!" When life is really difficult, why do some people reject God and leave the church?

7. Pick one of the following passages to look at: **Philippians 4:11-12; 1 Timothy 6:6-8**; or **Hebrews 13:5**. Are you thankful for and content with what God has blessed you with? How do you know if you are discontent or not? Should we never want anything more than we have?

8. Consider **Proverbs 3:3-4**. Who should we be faithful to? Everyone? Are there some people that we are not obligated to be faithful to?

9. When we commit to being faithful to someone, what are we committing to? Their physical provision? Taking care of them?

10. Where is the boundary between faithfulness and codependency? Is there a time to say "no" to being faithful?

11. Read **Romans 12:11**. How can we be sure to remain faithful to God for a lifetime? How can we prevent life's trials from wearing us down?

12. Who are the top five people on your list that God wants you to be faithful to? How can you be more faithful to them?

For this week: How can you be more faithful to those around you? How can you be more faithful to God? If your heart has weakened in its commitment to others, ask God to show you what you can do to guard your heart against apathy towards those He cares about.