

Bible Studies

Fruit of the Spirit

Part 1

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23



Love,

1 John 4v7-8
1 Cor 13v4-7
John 13:34-35

The Greek word used here is Agape, the strongest word for love.

How do you express love?

To whom should we express love?

God, enemies, believers, ourselves, the short answer is everyone.

What does the Bible say we should hate? Romans 12:9, Proverbs 13:5

Why is love considered the most important of the commands?

Matthew 23v37-40
Galatians 5v14.
Romans 13:10,
Colossians 3v14,
1 Peter 4v8

It is often said that the opposite of love is not hatred but indifference.

Do you think that is true?

If it is true then maybe our short comings in this fruit are seen in the things to which we are indifferent.

What is Sacrificial love?

What is unconditional love?

Make Love your aim 1 Corinthians 14:1 RSV

Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. 1 Thessalonians 4:9

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. 1 Thessalonians 3:12

Examples of Love; Prodigal son's father, Calvary. **Does your love measure up?**



Joy,

Define Joy:

What is the opposite of Joy?

Does our joy depend on circumstances? James 1:2 2 Cor 7v4

Where does Joy come from? 1 Thessalonians 1v6

What enabled Christ to endure the cross? Hebrews 12v2

What is the Joy set before us?

What happens if we loose our joy?

Joy comes from a fresh relationship with Jesus.

Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. John 16:22

Romans 15v13
1 Peter 1v8



Peace,

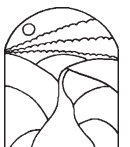
Colossians 3:15
John 16:33

S
T
R
E
A
M
S

I
N

T
H
E

D
E
S
E
R
T



Waiuku AG
Ray Moxham
www.wag.org.nz
WaiukuAG
@maxnet.co.nz

Why can we have peace in Christ?
What is the connection between Peace and trust?
What is the opposite of Peace?
What effect will someone at peace have on those around them?
What effect will someone who is not at peace have on those around them?

Isaiah 32:17

Matthew 5:9

James 3:18

God has called us to live in peace. 1 Corinthians 7:15;

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. Romans 14:19
seek peace and pursue it. Psalms 34:14

Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble. Psalms 119:165
be at peace with each other." Mark 9:50



Patience, Longsuffering *KJV*

What is patience?

The Greek can be translated tolerant or long-suffering. *It is the quality of putting up with other people, even when patience is sorely tried.* Cole There are different kinds of patience; patience to cope with problems now, patience to wait for something, etc.

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:1-2

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; Psalms 37:7

be patient with everyone. 1 Thessalonians 5:14

Who should we be patient for? Three answers

Why do you think it is hardest to be patient with those closest to us?

How is God patient with us?

If God is patient, how can we be impatient?

Why do we have to be patient with God?

What do we need to be patient with God for?

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

God's patients enables Him to take a long term view on things. 2 Peter 3:9. If we take this view we will get on with planting knowing that eventually it will bear fruit.

What happens if you are only interested in things that bring quick results?

Let God finish the process, don't help the chick out of the egg.

James 5:7-8



Kindness, Gentleness *KJV*

A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself. Proverbs 11:17

Blessed is he who is kind to the needy. Proverbs 14:21

He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward him for what he has done.

Proverbs 19:17

He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honour. Proverbs 21:21

Kindness can mean generosity, it can also mean gentleness, fairness or moderation.

How do you show kindness?

Ephesians 4:32

Colossians 3:12

But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, Titus 3:4-5

Bible Studies

Fruit of the Spirit

Part 2

6

Goodness,

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. Galatians 6:10

Goodness is doing good.

It has the idea of the development of character that is truly good, upright, dependable and yet still generous and good to others. Horton

How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you. Psalm 31:19

Trust in the LORD and do good; Psalm 37:3

How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? Psalm 116:12

The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, Luke 6:45

Romans 12:9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Ephesians 6:8 because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

Why is Goodness important?

How do you show it?

7

Faithfulness, *Faith KJV*

This is the same word that is translated faith in the gifts of the Spirit, it is the only word that occurs in both lists.

The word means to be reliable and trusted. In 1 Cor 12 (Gifts of the Spirit,) it is passive we trust in God. In Gal 5v22 (Fruit of the Spirit,) it is active we prove ourselves trustworthy.

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you. 1 Samuel 12:24

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ Matthew 25:21

Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10

What should we be faithful to?

What is the opposite of faithfulness?

What are the rewards for faithfulness?

To the faithful you show yourself faithful, Psalms 18:25

Love the LORD, all his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full. Psalms 31:23

God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. 1 Corinthians 1:9

8

Gentleness *Meekness KJV*

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. Prov 15:1

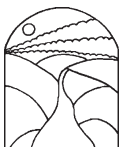
By the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I appeal to you—J, Paul, who am “timid” when face to face with you, but “bold” when away! 2 Corinthians 10:1

S
T
R
E
A
M
S

I
N

T
H
E

D
E
S
E
R
T



Waiuku AG
Ray Moxham
www.wag.org.nz
WaiukuAG
@maxnet.co.nz

Gentleness means; *seemly, fitting, equitable fair, moderate, forbearing not insisting on the letter of the law; it expresses that consideration that looks "humanely and reasonably at the facts of the case"*. Vine. It is close in meaning to kindness. Some one translated it "Sweet reasonableness".

It looks for the best in people.

It is the quite word that turns away wrath. Proverbs 15:1

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Eph 4:2

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Philippians 4:5

I think that Gentleness is one of the traits that must be associated with Authority. In any are that you are 'in charge' you must show gentleness.

Does gentleness mean weakness?

Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 1 Peter 3:4

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11

1 Peter 3:15



Self-control. *Temperance KJV*

Like a city whose walls are broken down is a man who lacks self-control. Prov 25:28

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Romans 6:12

1 Corinthians 9:25-27 Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever.

Self Control is the word used of an athlete in training. It is the fruit that enables us to master desires, impulses, passions and appetites, Horton. Self Control enables us to discipline ourselves.

What is Self Control used for?

How is self Control developed?

Would you say self controlled and God controlled are the same thing?

Self Control has a negative side, it helps us resist temptation and the control the kinds of sins we commit before we even realise what we are doing. (Eg. anger & the tongue). It also has a positive side the discipline required to do the things Jesus calls us to do. (Eg. Prayer times, works of service).

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:7

Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. Titus 2:6

Why do young men need to be self controlled?

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 1 Peter 1:13-14

A notable exception in this list is humility.

Which fruit do you think it comes under?



What does it mean?

The fruit of the Spirit is the Hallmark of Christian maturity.

The Fruit of the Spirit is true Spirituality.

The Fruit of the Spirit is the image of Jesus.