

The Fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5:22-23

Seed – The new spirit – 1 Jn. 3:9
Pollination – Interdependence. God designed us to integrate with others for growth. Prov. 18:1
_____ – God is light 1 John 1:5
Temperature – Right environment – _____ – Heb. 10:25
Soil and water – Word of God – Matt. 13:23, Eph. 5:26

1. The word Fruit is in the _____.
 - a. It is a _____ from the Holy Spirit.
 - b. It is a holistic way to look at the Christian life.
 - c. The fruit of the Spirit are already being produced in every believer.

Note the contrast with the works of the flesh in verses 19-21.

The weakness of spiritual growth is that we see multiple areas that are out of control that we need to gain control over.

It is not about gaining control but _____ it to the Holy Spirit.

Bottom line – The Fruit of the Spirit is _____ not nine.

2. Fruit is a product of the plant and not _____ by itself.

“You are never asked to live the Christian life. You are asked to let Him live through you. No believer can live the Christian life himself.”

The old nature cannot produce the fruit of the Spirit. J. Vernon McGee

Bottom line – You can't produce fruit apart from the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

3. What is the difference between “Spirit” fruit and secular fruit?

Every lost person, in the end, cannot _____ God.

Even “selfless” acts are tarnished by sin.

Humanity is not inherently good but evil. - Isaiah 64:6

Bottom line – We have a unique opportunity to give the world something they have never _____.

4. Fruit does not _____ the plant that produces it.

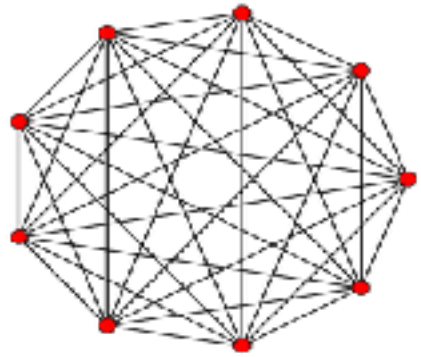
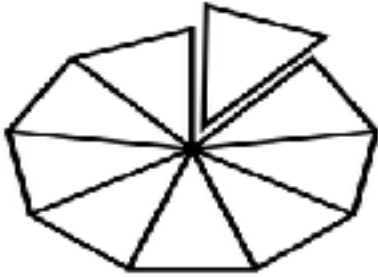
Bottom line – The Fruit of the Spirit is for others to _____.

Fruit of the Spirit

1. Love
The ability to see a _____ and having the desire and will to fulfill it.
2. Joy
An _____ of the heart that chooses to rejoice in God and His control despite life's circumstances.
3. Peace
Demonstrating to others unconditional _____ even when you don't approve.
4. Patience - People
The ability to remain _____ in your soul while being provoked or irritated.
5. Kindness
A tender concern for others without _____ that comes from an inner security from God.
6. Goodness
Desiring _____ in another.
7. Faith
The ability to believe _____ in others because of the grace of God.
8. Gentleness -meekness
A _____ and gentle attitude while dealing with those who need correction.
9. Self-control
Having the ability to _____ one's emotions, impulses and desires to pursue the important and not the immediate when relating to others.

5. Stop focusing on the fruit and focus on giving up control.

Bottom line – It is about the attitude of _____ God because I can't.



6. Fruit grows or dies as a _____.

Bottom line – When one characteristic shows weakness, it affects the entire fruit.

7. Fruit comes when it _____ on the branch.

Growth sometimes requires pain, ugliness and temporary out of productive use.
Abide or remains means to continue in a certain state without moving.
Don't be a watermelon seed.

Bottom line - Don't interpret pruning for punishment.

8. Different plants bear different _____ of fruit.

Bottom line – We can position ourselves for God to accomplish our potential.

Application:
Against such, there is no law...

We cannot produce fruit. Period.
It is the out working of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
Limited fruit means we are limiting the Holy Spirit in our lives.

1. The amount of sunlight
– Is there a glaring characteristic that indicates an area of control that needs to be given to God?
2. The quality of the soil and water
– How well are your watering and fertilizing your soul with God's Word?
3. The quality of the environment
– You become like those you hang around. How invested are you in building up the church and creating healthy relationships?