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### **Spiritual Authority: Fruit Inspecting**

- **A Life Guided By The Spirit Replaces Selfishness With Service To Others**

**Galatians 5:16-26** - *So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.* <sup>17</sup> *The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.* <sup>18</sup> *But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.* <sup>19</sup> *When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures,* <sup>20</sup> *idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division,* <sup>21</sup> *envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.* <sup>22</sup> *But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,* <sup>23</sup> *gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!* <sup>24</sup> *Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.* <sup>25</sup> *Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.* <sup>26</sup> *Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.*

- **Jesus Encouraged Fruit Inspection**

**John 12:24** - *I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat is planted in the soil and dies, it remains alone. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives.*

- **Legalism And A Strict Devotion To The Law Can't Produce Fruit**
- **The Fruit Of The Spirit And Not The Gifts Of The Spirit Are The Evidence Of A Spirit-Controlled Life**
- **The Fruit Of The Spirit Creates The Atmosphere And Attitude For Those Using Their Gifts**

**1 Corinthians 13:1** - *If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.*

## COOPERATION WITH THE SPIRIT

1. A Reverence For Scriptural Instruction.
2. A Relationship With The Holy Spirit.

- The Fruit Of The Spirit Isn't Just Expected Of Us All, But Commanded
- It's Our Responsibility To Surrender To The Holy Spirit

**Colossians 3:10-15** - Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. <sup>11</sup> In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us. <sup>12</sup> Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

**2 Peter 1:5-8** - In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, <sup>6</sup> and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, <sup>7</sup> and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. <sup>8</sup> The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- No One Ever Drifts Into Spiritual Maturity