

The Fruit Growing in My Life

1 Cor 11:27 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

Gal 5:16-25 The Test of who we are Abiding in! Abide in Christ!

The fruit of your soul being led by the flesh.

1. Adultery: sexual relations of a married person with someone other than his or her spouse
2. Fornication: Immoral sexual conduct and intercourse; it includes taking pleasure in pornographic pictures, films or writing.
3. Uncleaness: Sexual sins, evil deeds and vices, including thoughts and desires of the heart.
4. Lasciviousness: Sensuality, following one's passions and desires to the point of having no shame in public decency.
5. Idolatry: Worship of spirits, persons or graven images; also trust in any person, institution or thing as having equal or greater authority than God and His Word.
6. Witchcraft: Sorcery, spiritism, black magic, worship of demons and use of drugs to produce "spiritual" experiences.
7. Hatred: intense hostile intentions and acts; extreme dislike or enmity.
8. Variance: Quarreling, antagonism, a struggle for superiority.
9. Emulations: Resentfulness, envy of another's success.
10. Wrath: Explosive anger or rage which flares into violent words and deeds.
11. Strife: Selfish ambition and seeking of power.
12. Seditions: Introducing divisive teachings not supported by the Word of God.
13. Heresies: Divisions within the congregation into selfish groups or cliques, which destroy the unity of the church.
14. Envy: Resentful dislike of another person who has something that one desires.
15. Murders: killing a person unlawfully and with malice.
16. Drunkenness: Impairing one's mental or physical control by alcoholic drink.
17. Revelings: Excessive feasting, revelry; a party spirit involving alcohol, drugs, sex etc.

The Fruit of being led by the Spirit of God.

1 Cor 13:4-8 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1. Love (AGAPE): To love like God loves! Seek the highest good in others. Based on a spirit led decision to be committed to others. This is not based on an emotion or feeling, but on the Word of God. The command to love one another especially those in the household of faith.

John 15:11-17, 1 John 4:7-16, John 3:16-17, John 15:9-10

2. Joy: Is based on unfailing faith in God and His leading. Joy is not based on circumstances, financial success, good health, or popularity. It is based on trusting God, obeying His will because you trust Him completely receiving His forgiveness (living w/out shame), able to fellowship with believers because your joy is not in acceptance of others so you can accept others with Joy just as Christ accepted you with Joy. The soul's reaction to confidence in God. Response to acceptance and mercy. (Faith). Luke 10:18-21, John 17:13-23, Romans 14:17, John 16:22-24, 1 Peter 1:6-9, Duet 28:47.

3. Peace/Contentment: A state of assurance, lack of fear, harmony between God and His children. Freedom from worry, disturbance and oppressive thoughts. Peace is not based on circumstances. God Supernaturally offers peace even through the storm. As we trust in God's leading, we find a place of peace in which we are intended to live. Peace brings a wholeness or knowing of being spiritually complete. It's a realization of oneness with Christ. Isaiah 9:6-7, 1 Cor 14:33, Phil 4:4-7, Romans 14:17.

4. Patience/Long Suffering/Endurance: Spiritual ability (grace) to remain loyal to God's nature revealed by His Word. Slow to avenge wrongs, slow to speak and slow to anger. To bear pain and disagreements without complaining. Willing to allow time. Time not being an issue when it comes to trusting and believing in God's leading. Slow to fall into despair due to an unending acknowledgment of God's divine plan and His desire for eternal good towards us. 1 Timothy 1:15-17, Proverbs 15:18, James 5:7-8, James 1:2-4, Hebrews 12:1.

5. Kindness/Gentleness: To furnish what is needed, to show oneself useful, to act benevolently; usefulness, to show moral excellence (in character and demeanor). Gracious, kind, gentleness, good(ness), kindness. Giving what is best for you to others. A type of mercy (giving what you don't deserve). Our kindness reveals the nobility and glory of our God to the world. Eph 2:4-10, Eph 4:32, 1 Timothy 4:2, Proverbs 11:16-17, Acts 14:17-18.

6. Goodness: Generous and open hearted. Can make selfless decisions and is open hearted to the needs of others. The needs of others are as important as my personal needs. Goodness is the very nature of God! DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH FAITH IN GOD TO BE GOOD TO OTHERS? Practice love in action. This is a true demonstration of the abiding love of God revealed by your good works. Goodness isn't the absence of being bad, it is actively reaching out with God who is always GOOD! Eph 5:8-12, Psalm 23:6, Galatians 6:7-10.

7. Faithfulness: To be faithful, loyal and trustworthy. Portraying God's attributes of faithfulness. Being found trustworthy. Honest in all and knowing that God will reward your faithfulness by being faithful to you. We need to return to the day when man's word is most precious to him. To be called a Christian, you must return to faithfulness. Revelation 19:11-12, Proverbs 3:3, Matthew 23:23, Matthew 25:21-23, Revelation 2:10.

8. Gentleness/Meekness: Strength under His control. Courage found in the nature of Christ. Strong yet humble in demeanor, calm yet strong. Not threatening. Able to calm others' anger. God is gentle, yet does not ever display a lack of authority or a weakness in His nature. Nothing to prove, yet He demonstrates His mercy towards His people. We are to humbly take the authority of Christ and demonstrate God's graces and mercy towards all. Matthew 5:5, Matthew 11:28-29, Proverbs 15:1, 1 Cor 4:18, Philippians 4.

9. Self Control: Spiritual control directed by the Word of God and a yielded life. It is to be led by the spirit and not the flesh. Allowing your soul to be under restraint. To restrain one's tongue, emotions or actions and desires. To be in harmony with God's nature and will for your life. Having control over one's desires and passions including the ability to keep one's vows and remain pure. Luke 22:41, 1 Peter 2:23, Proverbs 16:32, Proverbs 25:28, Proverbs 29:11, 1 Cor 6:12-14, 1 Cor 9:27, Titus 2:11-13.