

## THE HOLY SPIRIT

### Part 4 - We produce the Fruit of the Spirit as we remain/abide in Christ

*The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5: 22-23)*

Self assessment: How are you going in each of the elements of the fruit of the Spirit?

Love  
Joy  
Peace  
Patience  
Kindness  
Generosity  
Faithfulness  
Gentleness  
Self-control

Spiritual maturity is all about growing in the fruit of the Spirit. Rather than seeking to “try harder” to be more loving, to be more joyful, to be more peaceful etc., there is only one key that you need in order to produce the fruit of the Spirit in your life.

*Remain in me and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit. Apart from me, you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers. Such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me, and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory that you bear much fruit showing yourselves to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. (John 15: 4-9)*

Jesus says that the key to growing in the fruit of the Spirit is to “Remain in him.”

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me (Psalm 23:4)*

*As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in my love (John 15:9)*

*I have told you these things so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete (John 15:11)*

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give as the world gives. (John 14:27)*

The one key you need in order to take your next step towards spiritual maturity is to remain in Christ.

### WHAT NOW?

It is God's purpose for us to produce the fruit of the Spirit. It was his purpose before you were born ... *He ... predestined [us] to be conformed to the likeness of his Son (Romans 8:29)*. It is also God's purpose for you now ... *And we are ... being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18)*. It is God's purpose to make you holy on that last day also ... *What we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is (1 John 3:2)*. It was, it is and it always will be God's intention for us to be like Christ.