## The Fruit of the Spirit

Bearing the fruit of the Spirit will help the Christian to have a right relationship with three very important persons in life: God, others, and self.

**Love** - the Christian will love God and keep his commandments.

**Joy** - the Christian will have joy that comes from God's forgiveness.

**Peace** - the Christian will have peace that comes from God's forgiveness.

**Longsuffering** - the Christian will be patient in working with others.

**Kindness** - the Christian will regularly do kind deeds toward others.

**Goodness** - the Christian will always act in a good way toward others.

**Faithfulness** - the Christian will have a trustworthy self in all that he does.

**Meekness** - the Christian will have a humble self as he approaches God and others.

**Self-control** - the Christian will have a controlled self in all that he thinks, says, and does.

- Chris Reeves -

### Sentence Sermons

- When you try to get "even" with someone, you will probably soon be at "odds" with them.
- Master your thoughts and habits before they master you.
- Don't fill up on the world's crumbs; fill up on the Lord's living bread.
- If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for everything.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. - 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 - For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. - Romans 8:14 -

In Romans I-3, Paul wrote about the need for man's justification from sin. In Romans 4-5, Paul wrote about the plan for man's justification from sin. In Romans 6-8, Paul wrote about the life of man's justification from sin. The Christian is to live a life free from sin after being justified from sin.

In Romans 8, Paul wrote about the importance of the Christian walking by the Spirit (the desires of the Holy Spirit revealed in scripture) and not walking by the flesh (their own personal desires). The Christian's life of justification is to be a life that is led by the words of the Holy Spirit.

# The Christian and the Holy Spirit

The Christian has the Holy Spirit's words to help him live a life free from sin. Christians are to "live by the Spirit" (Romans 8:13; Galatians 5:25). Christians are to be "led by the Spirit" (Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:18). Christians are to "walk by the Spirit" (Galatians 5:16). And, Christians are to "worship by the Spirit" (Philippians 3:3). It is obvious that the entire life of the Christian is to be controlled "by" the Spirit's influence.

#### Led By the Sprit

Being led by the Spirit demonstrates that one is exercising his free-will to choose (Acts 7:51; Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:20). The Christian is voluntarily led, not forced against his will.

Being led by the Spirit demonstrates that one is willing to choose what is right (Romans 8:4-6; I Corinthians 2:14). The Christian is willing to be spiritually-minded, not fleshly-minded.

Being led by the Spirit demonstrates that one is willing to choose what is right continually (Romans 8:1,13; Galatians 5:16,25). The Christian lives and walks daily by the Spirit, not off and on irregularly or now and then.

Being led by the Spirit demonstrates that one is exercising selflessness (Hebrews 3:7-8). The Christian is humble, not too stubborn to be led.

Being led by the Spirit demonstrates that one is willing to follow God's word (John 6:63; 1 Corinthians 2:13; Ephesians 3:3-5; 1 Peter 1:12; 2 Pet. 1:21; Revelation 2:7,11,17,29; 3:6,13,22). The Christian will be led by what the Spirit says (teaches), not by subject feelings, emotions, opinions, or reasonings.

Being led by the Spirit demonstrates that one is a child of God (Romans 8:14-16). The Christian has become a child of God on God's terms, not on man's terms.

Being led by the Spirit demonstrates that one is a true, spirituallyminded Christian (Romans 14:17; Galatians 5:23-24). The Christian produces the inward fruit of the Spirit, not just an outward show of Christianity.

#### Will You Be Led by the Spirit?

Will you be justified from sin on God's terms and live a life led by the Spirit. It is important to let the Holy Spirit lead us in our lives and not try to lead ourselves (Jeremiah 10:23). Being led by the Holy Spirit is a privilege available to all mankind (Revelation 22:17). Will you accept his invitation to "come"? Will you allow yourself to be led by the Spirit's words today? Will you make the right choice today to be led by him?

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