

FUNDAMENTAL FACTS FOR FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS

Lesson Fourteen

THE HARVEST OF THE SPIRIT

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. **Galatians 5:22-23**

The fruit of the Spirit seems to be yet another subject that has been entrusted to Paul to reveal to the body of Christ.

The word **fruit** in Galatians 5:22, is taken from the Greek word **KARPOS** which means “harvested, or plucked, fruit.”

When we speak of the fruit, or harvest, of the Spirit, we are speaking of the **HARVEST** brought forth by the Holy Spirit in the believer’s life.

No wonder Paul writes that “Against such there is no law.” How can there be? What **FAULT CAN BE FOUND** with joy, or peace, or longsuffering? The Christian that manifests in his life these nine fold graces is a **JOY TO OTHERS**, to **HIMSELF**, and **TO GOD**.

The **CONTRAST** with the fruit of the Spirit is the **WORKS** of the flesh.¹

Before we thoroughly discuss the nine fruit of the Spirit, let us identify the 17 works of the flesh Paul writes about as a background.

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. **Galatians 5:19-21**

I will briefly describe these works of the flesh.

ADULTERY:

UNLAWFUL sexual relations between men and women.

FORNICATION:

The same as adultery, but including **OTHER** unlawful relations. Many believe fornication is the same as adultery, only it is between the unmarried.

UNCLEANNES:

The **OPPOSITE** of cleanness. The **OPPOSITE** of purity. Uncleanness can include all forms of sexual perversion.

LASCIVIOUSNESS:

That which **PROMOTES** lewd emotions and **ENCOURAGES** sin and lust.

IDOLATRY:

Can be anything that comes between us and God, or hinders our worship and service of God.

WITCHCRAFT:

Sorcery, enchantments, casting spells, and the using of mind affecting drugs.

HATRED:

Bitterness, dislike, malice, **GRUDGES** and **INTENSE** anger.

VARIANCE:

Quarreling, strife and discord.

EMULATIONS:

Fierce rivalry and **INTENSE** struggling to best another.

