

The Fruit from the Spirit

Goodness

- I. The fruit comes from the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).
 1. When put in action, the believer produces his fruit.
 2. All nine facets work simultaneously and harmoniously.
 3. There are mainly two words translated “good”.
 - 1) Good (agathos), beneficial, pleasing—makes happy.
 - 2) Good (kakos), that which is fitting in character.
 - 3) Example of these two words (Mt. 7:16-19).
 - i. The tree is pleasing—source.
 - ii. The fruits are what is expected—product.
 4. **Goodness is a quality of the mind and heart of the spiritual Christian to have an inner satisfaction, which is manifest by a happy demeanor.**
- II. The facet of Goodness (Gal. 5:22).
 1. God is a happy God.
 - 1) As evidenced by His giving the Good News regarding Christian maturity (1 Tim. 1:11).
 - 2) Will be evidenced when Christ reigns over earth (1 Tim. 6:15).
 2. A Christian doing the will of God has divinely given happiness (Rom. 12:2).
 3. The Christian can be happy in unhappy circumstances (1 Pet. 4:12-16).
 4. There is no true happiness apart from the Holy Spirit (Rom. 7:18).
- III. Goodness working in concert with other facets of the Fruit from the Spirit to fulfill the New Commandment.
 1. Love is the overarching motivator having a goal of aiding in the spiritual growth of other Christians (Jn. 13:34; 1 Cor. 13:7; 1 Jn. 3:18; Eph. 4:16).
 2. Joy allows for the acceptance of all circumstances and allows no resentment to disrupt the task (Phil. 2:17-18).
 3. Peace, an undisturbed mind, prevents emotional interference with the task (Phil. 4:7).
 4. Longsuffering keeps the focus on the spiritual goal, disallowing circumstance or people to present a hindrance in accomplishing the goal (Jam. 5:7-10).
 5. Kindness tempers one’s demeanor.
 6. Goodness brings inner satisfaction in doing God’s will.