



# Fruit During A Famine

*The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose*

*Isaiah 35;1*



# A Call to Holy Living

In [1 Peter 1:13-16](#), Peter writes to believers,

13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

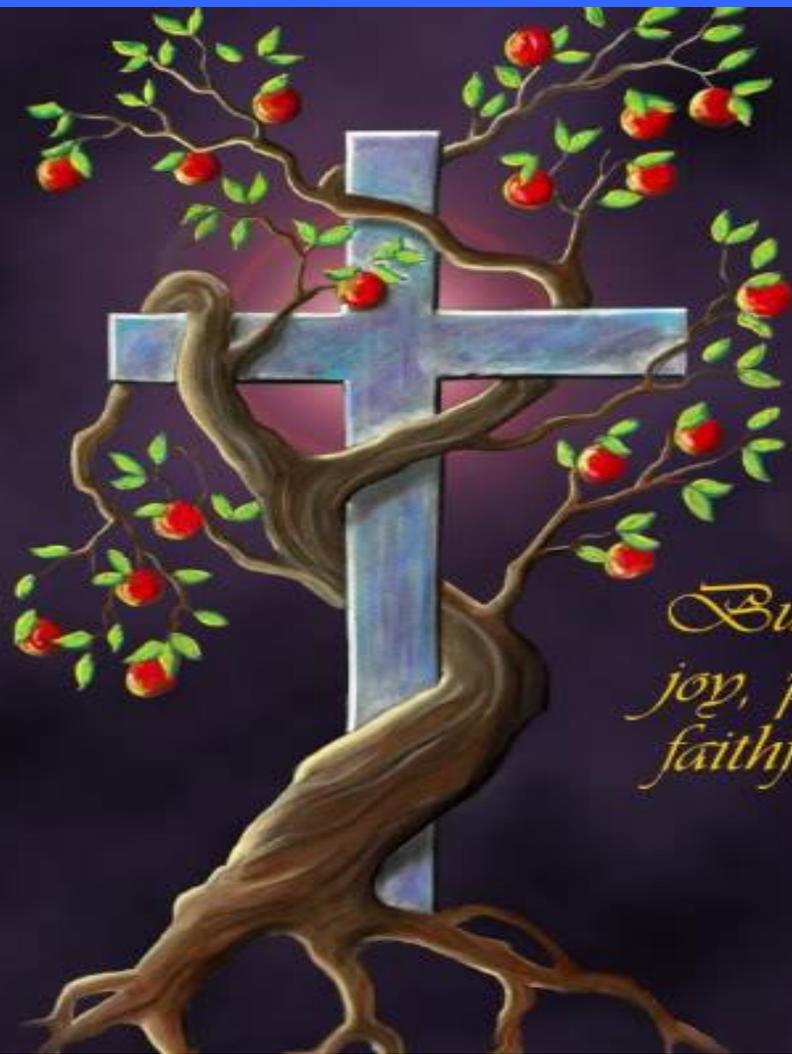
15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. Peter is quoting from [Leviticus 11:44](#) and [Leviticus 19:2](#).



## In this season..... what fruit are you producing?

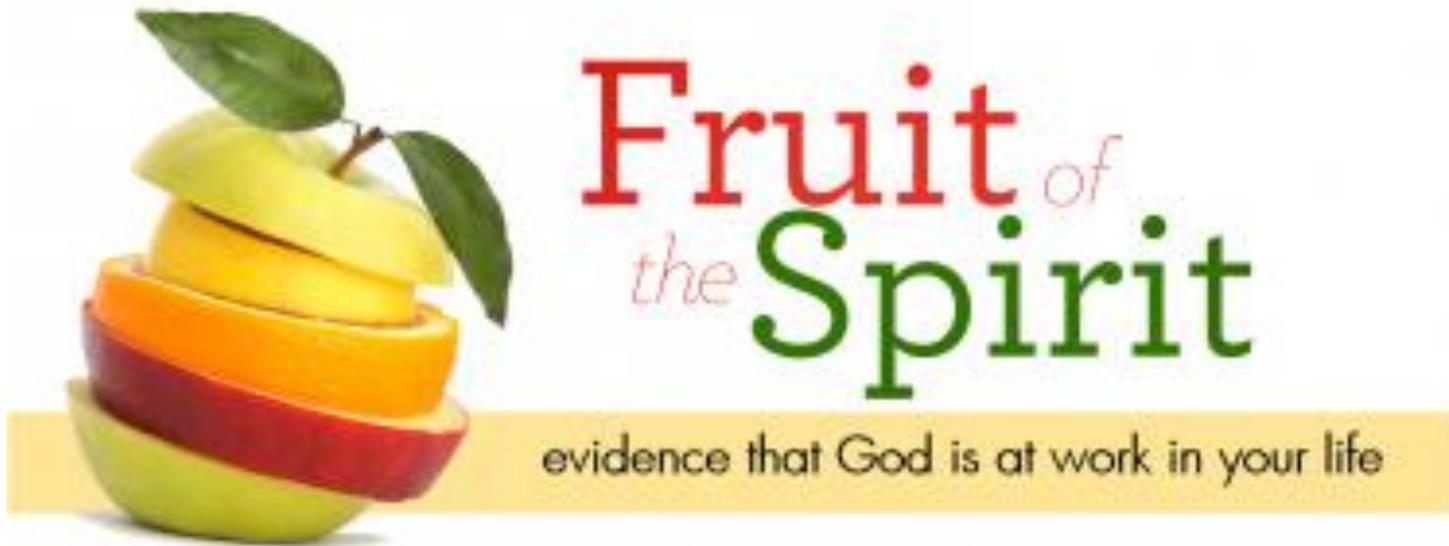
- Fruit that looks good on the outside, but is really bad on the inside?
- Fruit that is immature or not ripe?
- Fruit that is good?
- Will people come and “pick” your fruit.
- What new skill/s have you learned during shut in?



*But the fruit of the Spirit is love,  
joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

GALATIANS 5:22-23

***“Against such there is no law.”***



We're quick to say that we're born again and have the Holy Spirit. But we don't produce the fruit that reflects the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. We claim to be transformed...let the fruits speak for themselves in our lives.



And He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of waters that bringeth forth his fruit in his season. His leaf also shall not wither: and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper



Love, as a fruit of the Spirit, is a verb. It's not a feeling, and much like faith, if only expressed in words, it's essentially meaningless. Though we like to hear the words "I love you" they mean nothing if not accompanied by loving action. Remember actions speak louder than words. Show your love to people with your actions.

1 John 4:7 – 8, 16

*"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ... So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."*



Joy is deeper than happiness. Happiness deals with what is happening. Happiness depends on circumstance. Genuine joy, on the other hand does not depend on what's happening. Joy is an inner sense of well-being that has nothing to do with circumstance. Joy is an inside Job.

John 15:10-11

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.



Trying to reason everything out will take your peace away. We will have unanswered questions. Ask God to help you stop reasoning and begin to live by faith, leaning on and trusting in Him and not on your own understanding.

*Peace, when you're in the Kingdom, is not the absence of conflict, rather its the assurance that in the midst of conflict, the Father has things under control. Learn to have peace with people and peace with yourself.*

*1 Peter 3:10– 11 Amplified Bible*

*"For let him who wants to enjoy life and see good days [good – whether apparent or not] keep his tongue free from evil and his lips from guile (treachery, deceit). Let him turn away from wickedness and shun it, and let him do right. Let him search for peace (harmony; undisturbedness from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts) and seek it eagerly. [Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen, and with yourself, but pursue, go after them!]"*



## *Longsuffering* (makrothymia)

Often misunderstood, It means we have patience, we can endure in trying circumstance, it is actually a very important and powerful aspect. We can continue with a quiet and steady perseverance with diligence. It *doesn't* actually mean we should suffer! I have a longsuffering Spirit!

James 1:4 Amplified Bible

*“But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.”*

**Waiting destroys pride.** If God gave us everything the minute we wanted it, we would be so proud and haughty, we'd think it was us. We would expect our way always. God makes us wait because He is testing us.



The word **“Gentle”** in the Noah Webster’s 1828 American Dictionary of the English Language: *“Mild; meek; soft; bland; not rough, harsh or severe; as a gentle nature, temper or disposition; a tame; peaceable, not wild, turbulent or refractory, soothing, treating with mildness, not violent.”* Are you a gentle person? How do you respond when someone rubs you the wrong way? Are you rough, harsh, or wild in your response or are you meek, humble, and peaceable?

Phil. 4:5 NIV

*“Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.”*

This fruit of gentleness should be seen by the world, Christian and non-Christians alike should see you as a gentle person. Gentleness preserves us and brings peace.

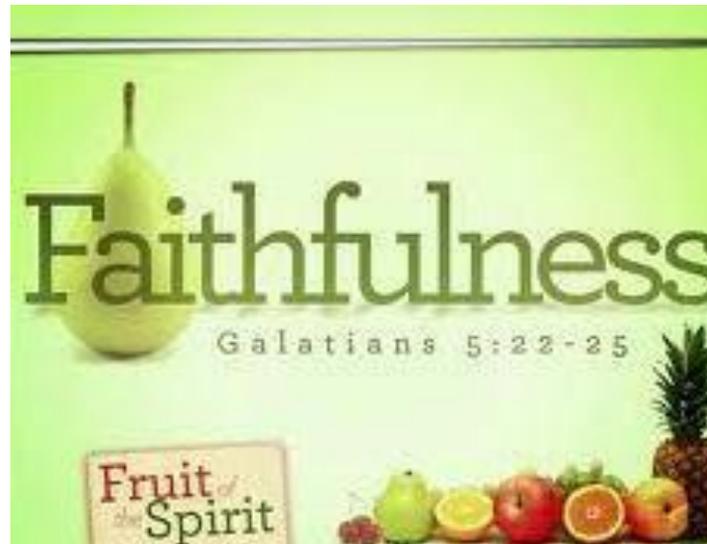


Being gracious is being good. This is what God is constantly doing everyday.

Psalm 23:6 NKJV

*“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”*

Only goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your life. Only! Nothing bad, nothing negative.



**A faithful person** is someone we can depend on – someone who shows up where they say they will be at the time they say they will be there, someone whom you can count on to do something they say they will do for you. Be a faithful person! **Your reputation depends on it!**

Too often we start out to do the right thing and then when we don't get the right response we change and backtrack and do something else.

Galatians 6:9 KJV

*“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”*

Your faithfulness and stability benefits others. It helps build the Kingdom of God. It brings security in the hearts who are close to you. They know they can count on you.

God never gives up on us, and we should never give up. We especially shouldn't be the kind of people that give up on something because it is hard.



## **Meekness is not weakness. Meekness requires great strength.**

What about Jesus?

Jesus didn't use His power to get out of something but humbled Himself to go through something that He thought God wanted Him to go through. It would be like if somebody really did me dirty and it made me mad and I knew I had the ability to get them back but I refused to do that because I knew it wasn't what God wanted me to do. That's meekness. When you have the ability to do something but you won't do it because you don't believe that is what God wants you to do. Amen!

If you have the authority or ability to get even or hurt the other person who spoke badly about you this is what you need to do: Forgive, pray, and bless (FPB) and allow God to take care of the situation.



# the **LAST** **FRUIT** of the **SP**IRIT

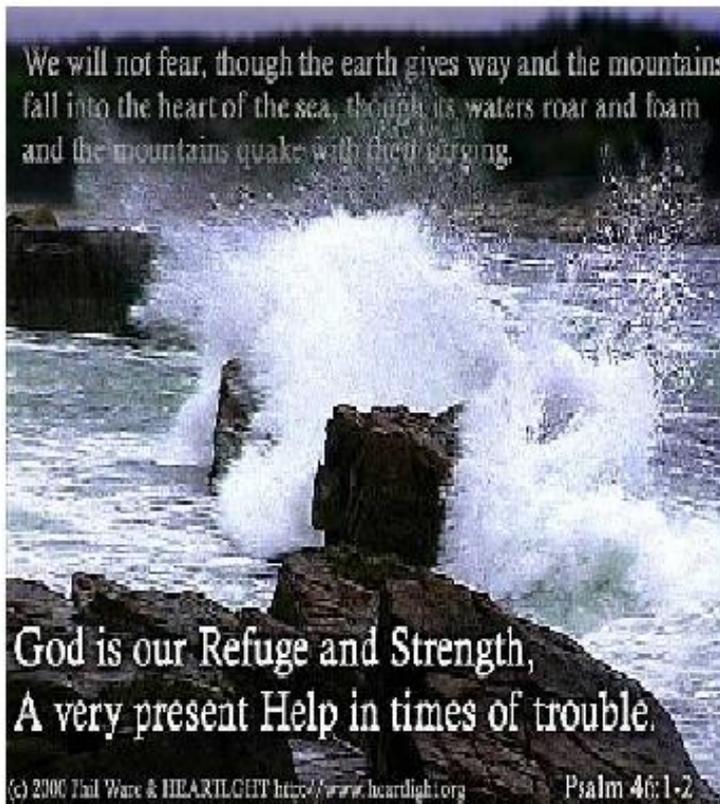
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# TEMPERANCE



# What is Temperance?

- Temperance is another virtue related to the practice of chastity.
- Temperance aided by our reason helps us regulate the sources of pleasure such as: food, drink, and sex.
- The practice of temperance helps us maintain **harmony** and **balance** in our daily lives by helping us avoid excesses that can lead us to an unhealthy life, or to loose control of our lives through addictions and unhealthy attachments to peoples or things.





**Thank you**