

Ambassador

Lesson 2



What's the Root of Your Fruit?

This lesson will help you to understand the fruit of the Spirit and how it should be displayed in your life. In other words, what fruit are you showing?

The fruit of the Spirit is a gift God gives every Christian to help them live lives that please Him and show His love to those who don't know God. (*Remember, all the lessons you will do in this program are for those of you who say you are a Christian.*)

No matter how young you are, God uses you as His instruments to show His love to others. From the homeless man you pass on the street, going home with your friends or peers, hanging out by the basketball courts – **God wants to show them His love through you!**



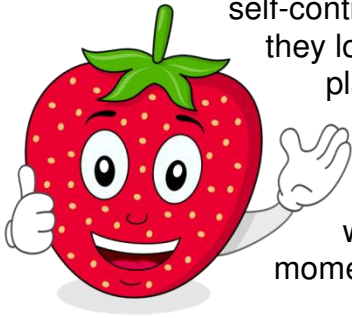
Jesus was the ultimate expression of God's love, and all the qualities of God that made Jesus who he was – **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control** – become qualities in us, the closer we grow in our relationship with Jesus.

As you grow in your faith, you should be able to recognize what each fruit of the Spirit looks like. The fruit of the Spirit is given to us as a tool, equipping us to show God's love to those around us, fulfilling God's commands.

Reread those 9 qualities of the fruit of the Spirit – **which one(s) do you possess? Would members of your family agree with you? Would your friends agree with you?** If you are the only one who sees these qualities in your life – maybe they are not there (just sayin').

Now, take your Bibles and read Galatians 5:22-26. According to this Scripture, God has identified that each Christian who lives by the Spirit of God will demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit. Those who live by their *flesh* will show acts of the *flesh*. **You cannot get mixed up about those who are living by the Spirit and those who are living by the Flesh due to these 9 qualities called fruit of the Spirit.** *So you can't curse someone out one moment and sing songs for Jesus the next moment and say you are living by the Spirit. That's a lie!* The fruit of the Spirit will always be our evidence of who is living by the Spirit. How do you like God's check-up list?

The Fruit of the Spirit are seeds God grows inside of us to show others what His love looks like. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are all qualities that Jesus Christ modeled for us to show us what they look like. When we accept Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives, God plants those seeds and they begin to grow. Think about how you have seen this fruit show up in your life.



Are you patient when you have to wait? Do you show love to people who get on your nerves? Have you hung in there during difficult moments without quitting?

Let's look back at the Scriptures further. Galatians 5:19-21 helps us to understand the actions of the flesh. It should be clear to you that a person who lives by the Spirit and a person who lives by the Flesh lives two different types of lives. However, their actions demonstrate how a person lives. Now that you are a young, growing, Christian with the ability to lead others, you must **peel off** the acts of the sinful nature.

Since Jesus modeled for us what the life of a person looks like who lives by the fruit of the Spirit, then the more we follow Jesus' example – the more we get to know about Him, the more we learn to love Him, and the more we try to be like Him – the more God's love becomes a part of us.

God will put you in situations where the fruit of the Spirit will have the chance to *GROW* and *SHOW* in your life.

The Apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 5: 22-23 ***“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control”*** – these all describe God's love. And as we've just learned, the closer we become with Jesus every day, the more God's love becomes a part of us. And God's love shows itself in us through what is called the fruit of the Spirit. **The fruit of the Spirit grows in us**, just as fruit that we eat grows on trees! When we read our Bibles, we can see the perfect example of what our fruit should look like and how we should live for God.

Click here if you want to use a “cute” little song to help you learn the Fruit of the Spirit by memory: <https://youtu.be/Rezg4jYFoj0>

Student Prayer: “Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us the fruit of the Spirit. We ask you to help us live each quality of the fruit of the Spirit. Help us to show love and joy. Help us to have peace and show patience and goodness. Help us demonstrate faithfulness and gentleness. Finally, help us to have self-control in all things. Amen.”

Click here to watch a video that helps explain this lesson further: <https://youtu.be/ltuJLozPFqU>

My Living Sacrifice

“ . . . Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.” Romans 12:1

This verse is the key to how you can give God the highest form of sacrifice. Write an acrostic using the word sacrifice to list **nine ways you can please God**.

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A _____

C _____

R _____

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F _____

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Think About It



Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/9pYSeMWx1EyS1BUy8>

Complete this assignment and set up a time to meet with an adult mentor who will go over this with you. Mentor, after you have graded this lesson using the Answer Key, please enter the lesson online using the links that were sent in order to receive credit. Thanks.

Student Name: _____

1. List the fruit of the Spirit without looking in the Bible or at your lesson.
2. What are the differences between living by the Spirit and living by the flesh?
3. Name a time that you demonstrated a fruit/fruits of the Spirit.
4. What fruit of the Spirit do you display on a daily basis?
5. When and how do you display it?
6. Why did God plant the seeds of the fruit of the Spirit in us, what is their purpose?
7. Say Galatians 5:22, 23 to your mentor from memory (you may use the song you learned if necessary).