

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

A fruit (*karpōs*) is something produced over time. This fruit is the outgrowth of living God's way with the help of God's Holy Spirit. *Karpōs* is singular, showing a unity of the nine terms in Galatians 5:22-23—like a bunch of grapes or the segments of an orange.



LOVE

(*agapē*)

Brotherly love, affection, good will, a love that is based upon a sincere recognition of the value of the one loved.

1 John 4:7-16
Luke 10:25-37
1 Corinthians 13

JOY

(*charā*)

“The virtue in the Christian life corresponding to happiness in the secular world . . . But happiness depends on circumstances, whereas joy does not” (*Expositor’s Bible Commentary*).

Psalm 16:11
Nehemiah 8:10
James 1:2-4

PEACE

(*eirēne*)

Harmony, concord, security, safety, prosperity, felicity, the joining together of two things that had previously been ripped apart.

Isaiah 26:1-4
John 16:33
Philippians 4:6-7

LONGSUFFERING

(*makrothumía*)

Patience, endurance, slowness in avenging wrongs, forbearance.

Romans 2:7
Colossians 3:12-13
James 5:7-11

KINDNESS

(*chrestótes*)

Moral goodness, integrity.

Proverbs 31:26
Luke 6:35-36
Ephesians 4:32

GOODNESS

(*agathosúne*)

Uprightness of heart and life; a goodness that benefits others.

Luke 6:45
Romans 12:2, 9, 21
2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

FAITHFULNESS

(*pístis*)

Conviction of the truth of anything, the character of one who can be relied upon; fidelity, trustworthiness.

Matthew 25:21
Hebrews 11
James 2:14-26

GENTLENESS

(*praótes*)

Mildness, meekness.

Ephesians 4:1-3
Titus 3:1-2
Galatians 6:1

SELF-CONTROL

(*engkráteia*)

The virtue of one who masters his or her desires and passions, especially sensual appetites.

Proverbs 25:28
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
2 Peter 1:5-8

For more, see the articles in our section “The Fruit of the Spirit” and our Journey on the subject.

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