

The Spiritual Fruit Basket Galatians 5:17-23

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Galatians 5:22-23

LOVE

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Thinks of and acts for others

John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Ephesians 3:17 & 4:15

JOY

Is not happiness

We believe God is in control

Philippians 1:4, 18, 25; 2:2, 17-18; 3:1; 4:4, 10

PEACE

Is not weakness

Contentment in God

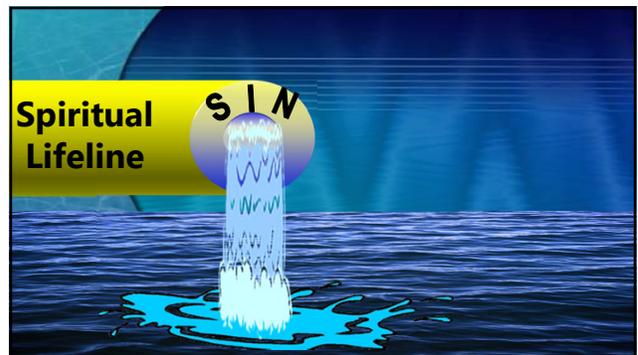
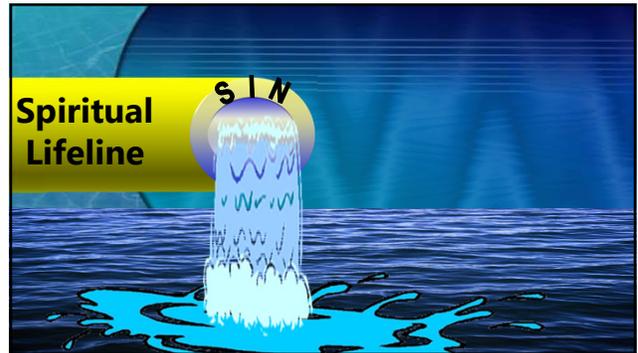
John 14:27, Philippians 4:7

PERSONAL APPLICATION

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2. How am I doing at being loving, joyful and peaceful?
3. How can I improve at being loving, joyful and peaceful?
4. “Dear God, be a work in my life through the Holy Spirit.”

Questions for Discussion and Further Reflection

1. Why can we **not** pick-and-choose from the nine aspects of the fruit of the Spirit? Why do they all have to be taken together?
2. How is it possible to love someone when you don't like them?
3. What is the difference between joy and happiness? Why do we so often confuse the difference between them?
4. If peace is not weakness, then what is it?
5. Think of a time when you attempted to do ministry in your own power. What happened? What did you learn from the experience?
6. What has to happen for ministry to be done in God's power?





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"For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these..."

Galatians 5:17-21a



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