

# Fruit of the Disciple

## (Part 2)

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- What then, is “fruit”
- How do we bear “fruit”?
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**fruit** *noun, often attributive* \ 'früt\

- : a usually sweet food (such as a blueberry, orange, or apple) that grows on a tree or bush
- : the part of a plant that has the seeds in it (such as the pod of a pea, a nut, a grain, or a berry)
- : a result or reward that comes from some action or activity



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## **Luke 6:44:**

...for each tree is known by its own fruit...

## **Matt 7:15-16**

Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits.

## **Matt 12:33**

Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit.

## **John 15:8-9**

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.



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John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Eph 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works...

James 1:18

Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.





Matt 3:8

Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

Galatians 5:22-23

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## Gal 5:16-25

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 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. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



## Gal 5:16-25 (Con't)

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.



## LBCF Chap 16 “Of Good Works” Section 2:

These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidences of a true and lively faith; and by them believers **manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God**, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that having their fruit unto holiness they may have the end eternal life.

( James 2:18, 22; Psalms 116:12, 13; 1 John 2:3, 5; 2 Peter 1:5-11; Matthew 5:16; 1 Timothy 6:1; 1 Peter 2:15; Philippians 1:11; Ephesians 2:10; Romans 6:22 )



## 1 John 2:3-6

And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. Whoever says “I know Him” but does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps His word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him: whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.

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## 2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.

Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

