

THD-069 and 070
Galatians 5:21-23
The Fruit of The Spirit -
Part 6

“the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, self-control”

*“Blessed [happy] are they
that hear the word of God,
and keep it.” (Luke 11:28)*

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Rom. 11:6, *"But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace."*

Gal. 2:21, *"I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."*

Gal. 3:24, "Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith."

1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.'

John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

Peter 1:2-3 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that [pertain] unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue...

*I am come that they might
have life, and that they might have it more
abundantly. John10:10*

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commands, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” – John 15:9-11 ESV

Psalms 66:18 If I perceive sin in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.

2 Samuel 24:10 And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

Psalms 32:5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

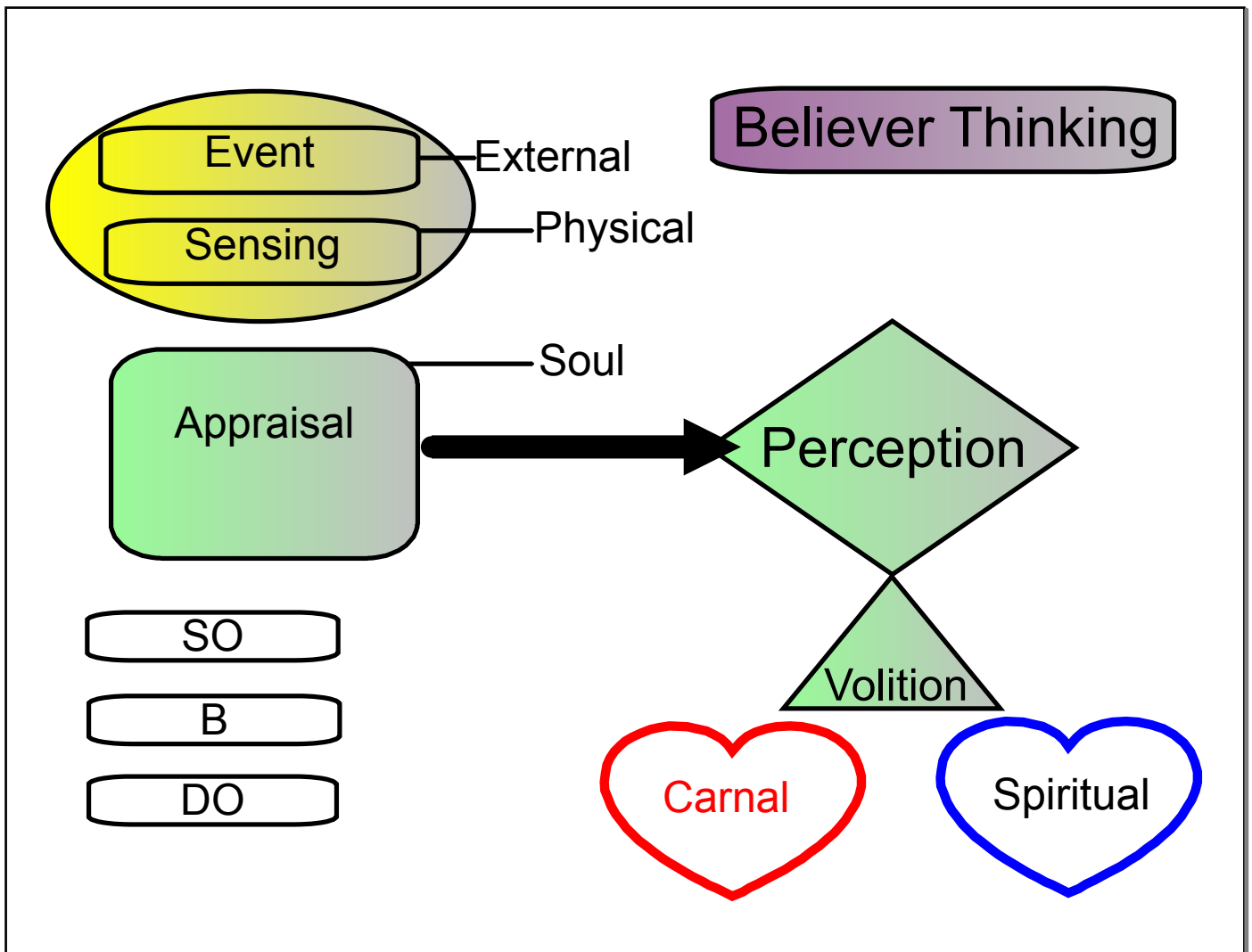
1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all other unrighteousness.

"A supernatural power is provided for the exact and perfect execution of the superhuman rule of life under grace. There is no aspect of the teachings of grace which is more vital than this, or which so fully differentiates these teachings from every other rule of life in the Bible. Under grace, the all-powerful, abiding, indwelling, and sufficient Holy Spirit of God is given to every saved person. - Chafer

Gal 5:16 *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

17 *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.*

18 *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*



Perception

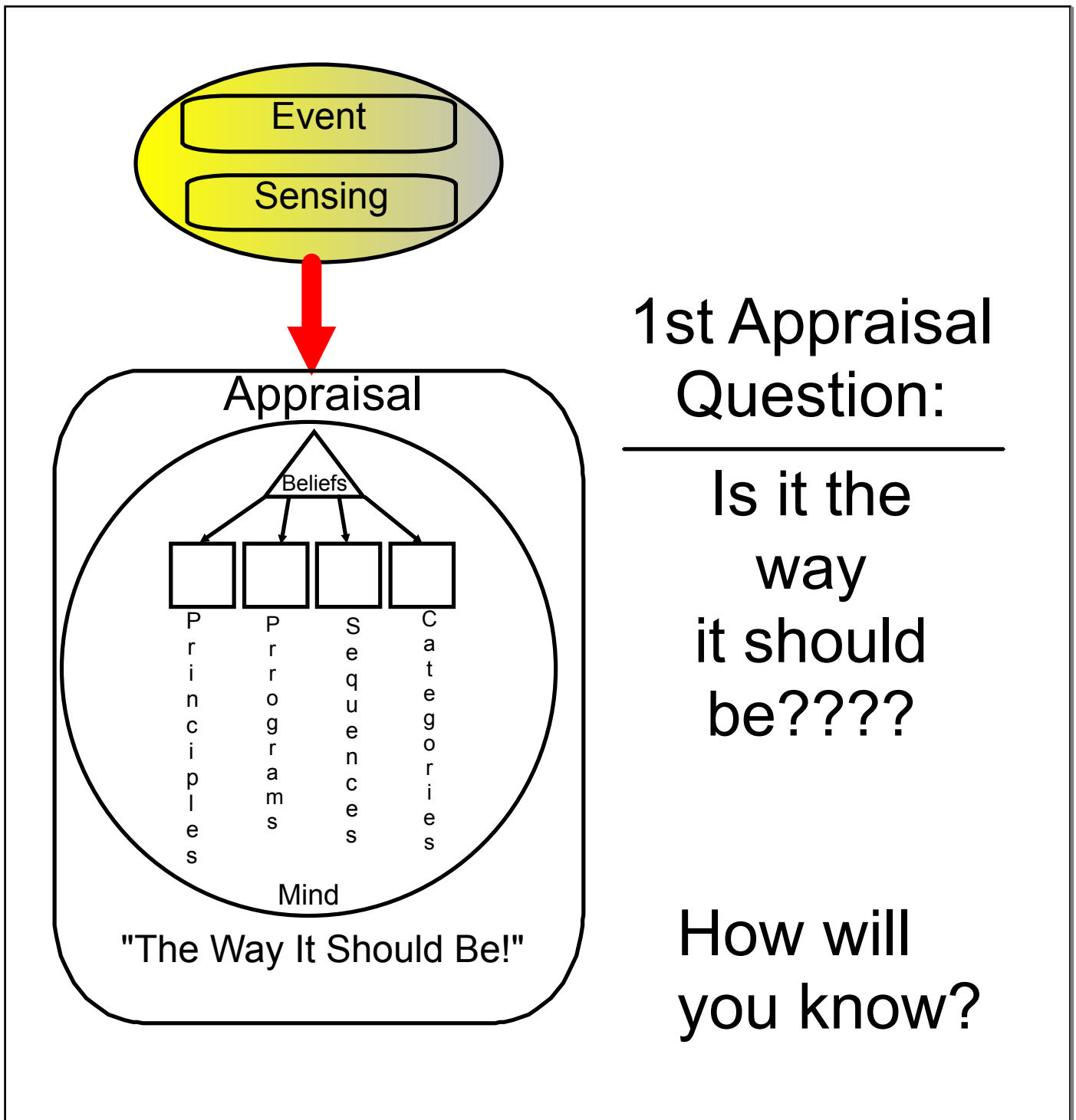
Physical Brain Function

1. Intensity - How strong an impulse is.
2. Sensation - What the impulse is.
3. Configuration - Combinations of sensations
4. Transition - Rates of change of impulses.
5. Event - Segmented Happenings (Photographs)
6. Relationship - How things go together.

Perception

Higher Levels (Soul Function)

System Concept:	Values, Priorities, Beliefs
Principles:	Guidelines, Rules
Program:	Decisions, Choices
Sequence:	The order of things.
Category:	Identifying actions and objects.



1st Appraisal Question:

Is it the way it should be????

How will you know?

What would you call it, in PCT terms, to decide if it is "What it Should Be?"

What is #1 in Deciding?

What does that determine?

So, you will look at the "Choice" you "Perceive", then compare it to Your Principles, and if there is a Conflict, you will re-examine your System Concept.

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The Fruit of The Spirit

- The choice of *fruit* instead of *works* is due to the understanding of the Spiritual Life as the product of a new and divine life implanted in the Believer.
 - In Gal. 5:25, Paul speaks of the fact that the Christian lives in the Spirit, that is, derives his spiritual life from the indwelling Spirit, which Spiritual Life is the force producing the fruit of the Spirit.
 - “It is important to observe that **the fruit** here described is not produced by a believer, but by **the Holy Spirit** working through a Christian who is in vital union with Christ (cf. John 15:1-8)”.(Bible Knowledge Commentary)

In Gal 5:22-23, the nine words that denote the fruit of the Spirit all represent superhuman qualities of character.

There is no way that they could ever be produced by human ability or any personal self-improvement program.

They are divine characteristics, and are considered to be "one" fruit of the Spirit.

These are not like the Gifts of the Holy Spirit; that every Believer has one, but all of these are present in the Reservoir of Righteousness at our disposal, should we trust the Spirit to do His will.

In fact, these nine graces constitute the essential elements of Christian character.

Unfortunately, some Christian leaders have taught that Christian character is to be built by strenuous self-effort and self discipline.

So the phrase, "the fruit of the Spirit" is important to understand.

It's not the fruit of the believer or the fruit of the ministry, it is the fruit of the Spirit.

In GAL 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is"
The word for "fruit" is "karpos" which means production, an effect, a result, work, act, deed or profit, "of the Spirit" is "tou Pneumatos" referring to God the Holy Spirit.
So let's review and amplify our introduction to "the fruit of the Spirit"

The Fruit of The Spirit

- The particular word for *love* here is *agapē*.
- It is the love the God is (I John 4:16), produced in the heart of the yielded believer by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5; Gal. 5:22), its chief ingredient, self-sacrifice for the benefit of the one loved (John 3:16), its constituent elements are listed in I Corinthians 13.

The Fruit of The Spirit

- **Love** (agapē) is listed first because it is the foundation of the other graces.

God is love and loves the world (cf. 1 John 4:8; John 3:16).

Such self-sacrificing love that sent Christ to die for sinners is the kind of love that believers who are Spirit-controlled manifest.

LOVE

The word "agape" translated of course "love".
The Holy Spirit declares that "agape" love is the greatest virtue of all in 1Co 13:13, so it is reasonable that it be first on the list.

This love is unconditional, so with it you will accept and tolerate people as you find them.

Not being critical, looking down your nose at them being legalistic.

This love contains virtue and therefore has capacity for true love in friendship, romance, marriage, and all human interaction.

It is the type of love that The Lord Jesus Christ told us to operate in concerning our enemies, Mat 5:44, 46.

This love is the key identifying characteristic of Christianity which is defined as unconditional love toward all mankind.

Being impersonal, agape love emphasizes the virtue of the subject rather than attraction or rapport with an object.

It is the ultimate expression of virtue, and is also the ultimate expression of another aspect of the Fruit of The Spirit - Humility.

Without humility (enforced and genuine) people are disoriented to life.

We see this type of Love in verses like Pro 17:9, Mat 5:44, Luk 6:27,

In 1Co 13:4-5

"Love is patient, love is gracious, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, True and godly love does not act improper, it is never selfish, is not resentful, does not think evil,"

Gal 5:22 *"But the fruit or the production of the Spirit keeps on being virtue-love, joy, [inner happiness and exultation or enthusiasm]...*

Next is Joy:

The Fruit of The Spirit

- *Joy* is from *chara* (χαρά), which is used most frequently in the New Testament of joy that has a spiritual basis, for instance, “joy of the Holy Ghost” (I Thess. 1:6).
- *chara* is a deep and abiding inner rejoicing which was promised to those who abide in Christ (cf. John 15:11).
It does not depend on circumstances because it rests in God’s sovereign control of all things (cf. Rom. 8:28).

Joy

The Greek word "chara" translated is joy and it means inner happiness and contentment.

There is a happiness on the other side of the door of hope which is totally divorced from circumstances, pleasure, or environment.

Joy is a system of thinking doctrine and is accompanied by enthusiasm for that doctrine.

Joy is thinking not emoting.

This joy has a response, which includes animation in the soul, enthusiasm and exultation.

A liveliness from the spiritual victories that will come to you, and with these victories the proper and true Biblical elation as a response to doctrine.

As the use of that doctrine in perception, metabolization, and application becomes more of a reality in your life, you will experience this joy. This is why the Bible equates joy with undeserved suffering.

LUK 6:22, *"Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and cast insults at you, and spurn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man."*

Joy is simply sharing God's happiness no matter what the situation may be.

This true happiness or joy is a monopoly from the Lord. Satan's myth of arrogance is that both people and pleasant circumstances in life can make you happy and give you joy.

Pleasure, success, social life, sexual life, public approbation, fame, material things, travel, health, and pleasant circumstances are not capable of making you happy.

These things are pleasurable, stimulating, fun, and enjoyable, but they don't carry you in times of suffering. Only true happiness and the joy that God the Holy Spirit produces can do that.

Remember the eight experiments that Solomon made? This joy that the Holy Spirit produces in our lives is not dependent on environment, associations, or circumstances of prosperity or adversity, it depends on none of these things.

You cannot receive true joy from the details of life, However, if you have capacity from your spiritual growth, you can enjoy these things to the maximum.

Gal 5:22 "But the fruit or the production of the Spirit keeps on being virtue-love, joy, [inner happiness and exultation or enthusiasm], peace..."

Next, is Peace:

The Fruit of The Spirit

- *Peace* here is not the peace we have with God, which we have in justification, but the peace of God (God's Peace) in our [Souls], and can be defined as *tranquility of mind based on the consciousness of a right relation to God.*

It is from *eirenē* (εἰρήνη) which in its verb form means “to bind together.”

It was used of tying the sailors to the mast in a storm, so they would not be swept away by the storm.

- *eirēnē* is again a gift of Christ (cf. John 14:27).

It is an inner repose and quietness, even in the face of adverse circumstances; it defies human understanding (cf. Phil. 4:7).

PEACE

"eirene" is translated "peace" and also means tranquility, health, prosperity and harmony.

The word connotes two types of prosperity, inner peace with God and overt prosperity and blessing.

This is the type of peace or inner tranquility that delivers a person from anxiety, fears and worries.

If you have the Fruit of The Spirit you will be at peace with others, and that is one of it's meanings, to be at peace with others, Act 7:26, Rom 12:18.

You will also have a tranquil state of the soul, being assured of salvation and fearing nothing from God and being content with the relationship.

You have zest for life and an enjoyment of every moment of life, regardless of what it brings.

You are very much alive and you treasure every moment of life, whether in adversity or prosperity.

This inner peace cannot be bought in life.

It is something that very few individuals enjoy.

A mental stability where you have the ability to make correct and accurate application of metabolized doctrine in time of testing.

This stability is the insulation against Christian psychosis, neurosis, and psychopathic tendencies.

Now, Biblical peace or prosperity is based upon receiving the power and the strength that God has provided.

True inner peace which results in overt prosperity comes from your perception, metabolization and application of Bible doctrine.

When you understand divine viewpoint and the fact that you are accepted with God forever, you will stop struggling and begin to enjoy peace with God.

Our peace as well as our prosperity with God is contingent upon the work of our Lord Jesus Christ and the ministry of God the Holy Spirit.

So, this peace is a result of the ministry of God the Holy Spirit controlling the soul of the believer and producing His Fruit.

This inner peace is based upon a system of thinking or the thoughts that we think, Col 3:15, *"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts"*

Gal 5:22 *"But the fruit or the production of the Spirit keeps on being virtue-love, joy, [inner happiness and exultation or enthusiasm], peace, longsuffering..."*

Next, is Longsuffering:

- Longsuffering/Patience is from *makrothymia* (μακροθυμια) which speaks of the steadfastness or Stability of the soul under provocation. It includes the idea of forbearance and patient endurance of wrong under ill-treatment, without anger or thought of revenge.
- *makrothymia* is the quality of forbearance under provocation (cf. 2 Cor. 6:6; Col. 1:11; 3:12).
 - It entertains no thoughts of retaliation even when wrongfully treated.

Longsuffering/Patience

Next we have the external characteristics of the Fruit, or characteristics which other people can see and are directed toward others.

The first is patience which is the noun "makrothumia" meaning forbearance, perseverance.

It involves a relaxed mental attitude toward other people in the human race and it avoids intrusion on the privacy of others.

It has within it the principle of live and let live.

Now, makrothumia also means being patient and lenient toward others even when self-vindication may appear justified.

Therefore, it is lack of maligning, gossiping and judging others!

It is patience toward others, recognizing that you cannot fit everyone into your own mold and that everyone has a different stage of spiritual growth. It is refraining from blaming others for your own failures!

It is the building of one's thought pattern and behavior pattern on something besides vengeance, reaction, and the attempt to destroy others.

Gal 5:22; "But the fruit or the production of the Holy Spirit keeps on being virtue-love, joy, peace, patience, graciousness..."

Next, is Graciousness

The Fruit of The Spirit

- *Graciousness, Kindness or Gentleness* is from *chrestotes* (χρηστοτης) which refers to benignity and kindness, a quality that should pervade and penetrate the whole nature, mellowing in it all that is harsh and austere.
 - (chrēstotēs) is benevolence in action such as God demonstrated toward men.
- It is related to our inner attitude towards what others are doing (cf. Rom. 2:4; Eph. 2:7) a Christian should display the same virtue (cf. 2 Cor. 6:6; Col. 3:12).

Graciousness

"chrestotes" means kindness, graciousness, generosity, benevolence and sensitivity to others.

This is the believer's recognition of all that God has freely given, Rom 5:8; 8:32; 2Pe 1:3; 1Co 2:9.

It is the basis of gratitude to God Who has given His Unique Son for us and, having given Him, now freely gives us all things, Rom 8:32, Jam 1:17, Joh 3:27.

Being gracious means that the believer never forgets where they have come from and they are always grateful and thankful to God for where they're going, Eph 2:11-13.

The grace-oriented believer also expresses gratitude to the Father, Col 1:12, and because of this, is very gracious toward others.

They profoundly appreciate that there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus, Rom 8:1; 1Jo 3:20-21, and as such they do not condemn others, they do not judge, criticize or malign others.

They are quick to edify, slow to anger.

The grace-oriented believer recognizes that sins were not imputed to the believer, but rather the Righteousness of God and of Christ was.

Toward the unsaved, these believers have the ministry of reconciliation, 2Co 5:18-21.

To those believers who have failed, these believers have a ministry of restoration as taught in Gal 6.

Grace-orientation interacts with the believer's personal sense of identity and destiny.

Grace-orientation is a powerful problem-solving device guarding the believer's soul against legalism, asceticism, self-condemnation, a poor self-image, ingratitude, bitterness, anxiety, insecurity and judgmentalism, Gal 2:20-21; 1Co 15:10; 1Co 4:1-3; Mat 7:1.

Grace has tolerance, though because of doctrinal-orientation it does not tolerate evil in its own life.

We see grace orientation when we look at the story of the prostitute in Luke 7:36-50 - grace versus legalism.

The woman caught in adultery Joh 7:53-8:11 was another example.

Here in John 8:11 we see The One who never knew sin, and the one who a few minutes before, had been engaged in it.

The One who had the right to condemn, and the one who had deserved to be condemned.

There the bridge of grace built between the two of them.

Just like He built between all of us and Himself when we came to know Him!

As a principle of graciousness and grace orientation we saw that people are not things.

They were not created as mere things by God, and that He does not regard them as things.

Yet we often treat other people as things, whenever we try to use them for some end of our own, or fail to listen to them.

Our Lord said in Mat 7:12 *"Therefore, however you want people to treat you, so treat them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."*

So, in dealing with others, and developing impersonal unconditional love and patience and living in grace orientation toward others, never forget the guilt that the Lord has delivered you from.

The areas in our life that produced guilt are there to remind us of our inability to meet the demands of God and to be gracious to others and operate in Grace Orientation.

Remember, the first group of people that the Lord said preach the Gospel to were those in Jerusalem.

The very same ones who would soon shout "crucify Him, crucify Him."

Gal 5:22; "But the fruit or the production of the Holy Spirit keeps on being virtue-love, joy, peace, patience, graciousness, goodness..."

The Fruit of The Spirit

- *Goodness* is from *agathosunē* (ἀγαθοσυνή). The word refers to that quality in a man who is ruled by and aims at what is good, namely, the quality of moral worth. It is so used in Ephesians 5:9, II Thessalonians 1:11, and Romans 15:14.
- *agathōsynē* may be thought of both as an uprightness of soul and as an action reaching out to others to do good even when it is not deserved.

Goodness

The sixth part of the fruit of the Spirit is now mentioned and is the Greek noun "agathosune" which means to be generous, virtuous and to produce divine good.

There are three types of good in history. Human good which is the production of evil.

Moral good, which is the observance of the laws of divine establishment.

Divine good which is the production of the growing or mature believer.

Divine good is an absolute concept related to God, and His perfect standards, it is permanent and absolute.

Human good is a relative concept related to mankind, it is temporary, relative and corruptible, because of the sin nature, Mat 23:5.

Believers, can perform divine good because God has given us the means of doing so by the filling of the Holy Spirit and the perception of Bible doctrine.

There are four keys to the production of divine good.

1. Status quo. This means being in the directive will of God.
2. Momentum. This means that Bible doctrine is important in everything.
3. Attainment. This is advance to spiritual maturity.
4. Impact. This is the function of the mature believer as an invisible hero in the Church Age.

It is part of God's plan for you to produce divine good.

Some principles;

1. The production of divine good is related to logistical grace, 2Co 9:8.

2. The production of divine good is related to the function perception, metabolization and application of Bible doctrine, Tit 2:7.

3. The production of divine good is related to supergrace status, 2Ti 3:16-17.

4. The production of divine good is an issue in the angelic conflict, Rom 12:21.

5. The production of divine good is related to surpassing grace status, 2Co 5:10.
6. The production of divine good is related to the believer's honor, 2Ti 2:21.
7. Divine good is both verbal and mental, 2Th 2:16-17.

Since human good and human works are excluded from salvation, it follows that human good and human works are excluded from the plan of God for the believer.

He provides the filling of the Holy Spirit, our Reservoir of Righteousness, promises from the Word of God, and the doctrine which instructs us to recognize the good deed.

Human good is defined by the individual on the basis of personal standards.

What may be good to me, may not be good to you.

This is not true of divine standards, which are based solely on what the Word of God says.

A human act of good may be motivated by sinfulness, arrogance, in which case the good has lost its good. Rom 7:21, Mat 6:1.

Human good is not necessary for a relationship with God, when you understand this, then you understand something that over 90% of Christians do not understand today.

This is why the tree of the knowledge of "good" and evil was prohibited.

The average believer today thinks that God is depending on them to be good and to do good, that is not the Christian way of life.

Human Bad (Sins) and Human Good = Evil.

Spiritual Orientation and Doctrinal Orientation = Divine good.

Gal 5:22; "But the fruit or the production of the Holy Spirit keeps on being virtue-love, joy, peace, patience, graciousness, goodness, faithfulness..."

The Fruit of The Spirit

- *Faithfulness* is from *pistis* (ΠΙΣΤΙΣ) which does not refer here to faith exercised by the saint, but to faithfulness and fidelity as produced in the life of the yielded Christian by the Holy Spirit.
- (*pistis*) is the quality which renders a person trustworthy, steady, consistent or reliable, like the faithful servant in Luke 16:10-12.

Faithfulness

The seventh manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit is translated faithfulness from the Greek word "pistis" and it refers here more than just "belief" or even "doctrine".

1. It denotes the trust that one has in another. This of course refers to our trust in God and His word, Bible doctrine.
2. As a virtue and a result of the production of the Spirit it also refers to being faithful, trustworthy, reliable, and steadfast.
3. Confidence, assurance, conviction belief and doctrine.

Since this is another divine characteristic that is being reproduced in the believer by the Holy Spirit, we need to understand divine faithfulness so that we can identify that which the Holy Spirit will accomplish within us. Every believer starts with the same amount of faith but none of us end up that way. It all depends on the operation of the filling of the Spirit in our lives. Everyone has the same chance from the start of salvation. We all start out with an equal amount of faith and with equal privilege and equal opportunity, 2PE 1:1-4.

So when we look at all of these manifestations of the fruit of the Spirit, we are looking at the ability we have to partake of the divine nature, the nature of God. First of all, we begin with the principle that there is only one person who is and will ever be totally faithful to you and that of course is God. He can only be faithful to you because of His perfect character. Divine faithfulness is God's grace expression to the believer using His perfect character as the basis for expression. Faithfulness hinges on the essence of God. Because God is perfect, fair, and stable to Himself, He will be all these things to you as well. LAM 3:22-23.

God is faithful to us because of the doctrine of propitiation which says God the Father is satisfied with the sacrificial ministry of our Lord on the cross.

His faithfulness, therefore, does not depend upon your spiritual status or mine. (Grace Orientation)

Divine faithfulness manifests itself in many different areas.

Discipline to the Backslider/Reversionist and blessing to the adult believer.

So, in reality, what is faithfulness?

It is a loyal attitude to someone in your life who you love, respect, admire, or recognize their authority.

God's faithfulness is also manifested in His perfect plan, 1Co 1:9.

God's faithfulness is also manifested in logistical grace provision and Supergrace blessing, 1Th 5:24.

This is why we should never worry about the basic necessities to sustain our life.

God will provide everything we will ever need.

Remember, it was harder for God to save us than it is for God to bless us in time. (A fortiori logic)

God's perfect faithfulness to you in eternity past inevitably leads to His perfect faithfulness to you in time.

There is also God's faithfulness in testing, 1Co 10:13, 2Co 4:17, Rom 8:18.

He will not allow us to be tested or tempted beyond our capacity and capability to pass the test or to say no to the temptation. 1CO 10:13, Rom 8:18, 2CO 4:17.

So, you are tested in all stages of spiritual growth but never beyond your capacity.

God is even faithful to the apostate believer, 2Ti 2:13
God is also faithful in what He withholds just like in what He gives.
He is faithful in sending sorrow as well as in giving joy.
So God is not only faithful in stopping affliction but in sending it as well, Psa 89:33.
Perhaps the greatest illustration is the faithfulness of God to you.
Think of how faithful God has been to you over the years.
Think of how many times you got yourself into some situation and the grace and faithfulness of God pulled you out.
Think of how many times your were worried about the future and the grace and faithfulness of God still came through.

GAL 5:22-23, "But the fruit or the production of the Holy Spirit keeps on being virtue-love, joy, peace, patience, kindness or graciousness, faithfulness, meekness/gentleness..."

Next is Meekness/Gentleness, better yet - Humility:

The Fruit of The Spirit

- *Meekness* is from *prautes* (πραυτες), which was used in Greek writers to refer to the qualities of humility, gentleness, and meekness in dealing with others.
 - *prautēs* marks a person who is submissive to God's Word (cf. James 1:21) and who is respectful and considerate of others when discipline is needed (cf. "gently" in Gal. 6:1; 2 Tim. 2:25; "gentle" in 1 Cor. 4:21; Eph. 4:2; "gentleness" in Col. 3:12; 1 Peter 3:16).

The eighth manifestation of the production of the Holy Spirit in Gal 5:23, is the word "gentleness" which is the Greek word "prautes" meaning gentleness, humility or meekness.

This is one of the most important ingredients from the fruit of the Spirit inasmuch as vanity and pride are the most common human traits.

It is a quality and characteristic that only God can achieve.

Gentleness and meekness is also to be put on by that which God provides as recorded for us in Col 3:12.

This virtue is commanded in 1Ti 6:11, Jam 1:21.
What is true biblical humility?
Humility is freedom from pride and arrogance.
In Satan's cosmic system, Cosmic 1, there is the arrogance complex designed by Satan as the god of this world to lure both unbelievers and believers from their predestined plan of God, (PPOG).
Arrogance has so many facets that sooner or later people are captured by it apart from residence in the PPOG, under the enabling power of the Spirit (SO) and momentum from metabolized Bible doctrine (DO).
The virtue of all believers is humility.

It is total freedom from Cosmic 1, which includes enforced humility and genuine humility plus objectivity and being teachable.

Therefore, humility is a prerequisite for learning doctrine.

There is a difference between enforced humility and genuine humility.

Enforced humility is submission to legitimate authority.

Genuine humility is the virtue of complete grace orientation through perception of Bible doctrine.

We submit by our daily intake of the Word of God.

If we become neglectful of doctrine, we are in a state of rebellion.

Insubordination is also rejection of authority.

Humility or being humble in the PPOG is recognition of the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and submitting to that authority.

There's no greater manifestation of a believer's recognition of the authority of The Lord Jesus Christ than accuracy in his worship toward God by Bible Study.

The connection between humility and wisdom is that the only basis for having wisdom in life is through humility.

There is no honor without humility.

Respect for the Lord is personal love for God, one of the characteristics of spiritual self-esteem.

No believer can have honor or integrity in his life without the virtue of humility.

The ultimate expression of our humility is obedience to the PPOG for our life.

Since the Bible is the mind of Christ, submission to the authority of our Lord is tantamount to the perception, metabolization and application of Bible doctrine. Humility is a system of divine viewpoint thinking related to grace orientation and occupation with Christ. This also means that humility is a system of recognizing the authority of Jesus Christ as the ruler of the Church, and that He has delegated all authority in the Church Age to the Word of God, especially the mystery doctrine found in the Church-Age epistles, and the pastor-teacher as God's delegated authority to teach the Word of God.

A believer who operates in true humility operates in a system of Bible doctrine, resulting in that believer living in the directive will of God rather than the permissive will of God.

Humility is both a system of thinking as well as a way of life.

In fact, humility is a system of thinking before it becomes a way of life.

When we are born, we must grow up as a human being under a system of establishment authority.

When are born again, we must grow up as a Christian under the authority of the pastor-teacher and the PPOG.

When are married, we must grow up as a spouse.

Points on Humility:

1. Humility is recognition and respect for legitimate authority in life.
2. Humility is divine viewpoint thinking.
3. Humility is poise and courage under pressure.
4. Humility is being teachable.
5. Humility is the sum total of grace orientation and being teachable.
6. Humility is capacity for life, love and happiness.
7. Humility is the basis for gratitude and appreciation in life.
8. Humility is the function of establishing right priorities in life.

9. Humility is the right function of self-determination in life.

10. Humility is making right decisions from a position of strength.

11. Humility is the recognition of failure in the Christian life and the willingness to recover through 1 Jn. 1:9.

12. Humility is the basis for flexibility in life, the basis for God molding a vessel of honor, which glorifies Him.

13. Humility is related to promotion.

14. Humility is an expression of doctrine circulating in the soul.

The Fruit of The Spirit

- *Self Control or Temperance* is from *egkrateia* (ἐγκρατεια) which means “possessing power, strong, having mastery or possession of, continent, self-controlled.” It is used in I Corinthians 7:9 of the control of sexual desire.

In I Corinthians 9:25, it is used of the control of the athlete over his body and its desires, during the period in which he is in training for the stadium athletic games.

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- The word thus refers to the mastery of one's own desires and impulses.

The word does not in itself refer to the control of any particular or specific desire or impulse.

The context in which it is found will indicate what particular desire or impulse is meant, if a particular one is referred to.

- *enkrateia*; this noun is used in the NT only here and in Acts 24:25; 2 Peter 1:6) denotes self-mastery and no doubt primarily relates to curbing the fleshly impulses just described.

Such a quality is impossible to attain apart from the power of God's Spirit (cf. Gal. 5:16).

The Spirit is able to control the Fleshly impulses and perform the Spiritual Fruit.

The ninth and last manifestation of the production of the Holy Spirit is self-control which is the Greek noun "egkrateia" which means self-discipline or self-control, the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites.

Self-discipline or self-control is based upon humility and meekness.

This also means an "organized life".

If you have self-discipline you are going to have an organized spiritual life.

An organized life is based upon two concepts:

1. Having the right priorities, which means a "time" for everything.

A time for God, time for doctrine, time for family, friends, business and a time for pleasure.

2. An organized life is also based upon Bible doctrine, which will give you the capacity to organize your life and have inner happiness with the correct Biblical priorities.

It is the organized person who is persistent and consistent in the perception of doctrine.

Therefore, sooner or later, if you desire to fulfill God's plan and glorify God, you have to get organized.

For example, if you're always late then obviously you are either a person with bad manners or a person who is disorganized.

Under the doctrine of election, there is no excuse; you have 24 hours in a day like everyone else.

The doctrine of election says....equal privilege and equal opportunity.

You have the same opportunity as anyone else to advance to spiritual maturity, if you choose.

However, if you have the wrong priorities you will never make it.

Most people who whine and complain about their life and how busy they are and that they don't have time for everything have made a series of bad decisions and they are in "self-induced misery".

They have had wrong priorities, and thus, they are disorganized.

This is why the apostle Paul said to the Ephesians, to redeem the time because the days are evil, EPH 5:15-17.

The self - disciplined believer comes to Bible class, learns doctrine and understands what the will of God is.

He is teachable through humility, has an organized life on the basis of biblical priorities and a doctrinal scale of values.

Self-control is taught in many passages in the Bible.
PRO 16:32 *"He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city."*

This passage actually teaches that an individual who can triumph over himself is greater than an individual who captures an entire city in battle.

It also teaches that we can tame the lion within, the old sin nature, not making it better, but controlling it rather than letting it control you.

PRO 25:28 *{Like} a city that is broken into {and} without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit.*

Psa 39:1, Jam 3:2, Rom 6:12 also teach different aspects of self-control.

Self-discipline and self-control is an important manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit.

When you hear something with which you violently disagree with, you have self-control, you maintain your poise, and from your poise you will eventually develop a phenomenal ability for learning.

The Apostle Paul asserts that self-control must characterize the one who would contend for a crown.

For example, in 2Ti 2:4 *"No soldier on active duty entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life."*

A person on active duty in the army of God does not live a normal life and is not in bondage to the details of life, so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier.

God enlisted you as a soldier for Him on the day of your salvation.

2Ti 2:5 "And also if anyone competes in the athletic games, he does not receive a winner's crown unless he trains according to the rules."

In the competitive games every athlete went through identical training no matter what his event.

This is analogous to every believer having the identical equal privilege and equal opportunity inside the PPOG as the place in which we train and compete.

Only the believer inside the PPOG is living the Christian way of life and therefore is qualified to compete in the competitive game of the angelic conflict.

The athletes of Paul's day were the ones who trained under the rules of the national gymnasium for ten months under strict discipline.

The believer also is to train and operate under strict rules, which requires self-discipline and self-control.

The apostle Paul used military and athletic metaphors to describe self-discipline and self-control.

This illustrates how we are to be self-disciplined to compete for a reward which is imperishable 1CO 9:25.

When we look at someone in a certain field such as athletics, music, literature, art, theater, etc., who excels in their field, we have a tendency to say they have a "natural" ability and that's probably correct in most cases.

However, having a natural ability is absolutely meaningless unless you diligently practice it.

The same thing is true in the spiritual realm.

God gives us a supernatural power and ability to glorify Him and receive fantastic blessings in both time and eternity, but if we don't use that ability, such as the fruit of the Spirit or our spiritual gift, our life is just a waste of time ending with regrets at the Judgment seat of Christ.

Fruit	Inner State	Response to Others	Action	Stability
Love				
Joy				
Peace				
Long-suffering				
Kindness				
Goodness				
Faithfulness				
Gentleness				
Self-Control				
(More to Come)				

Fruit	SC	Princ	Prog	Seq	Cat
Love					
Joy					
Peace					
Long-suffering					
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