

# BIBLE LISTS

## *THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (GALATIANS 5:22-23)*

- I. Introduction
  - A. Why must we be fruit bearers?
    - 1. John 15:1-8
    - 2. Matthew 7:16-20
  - B. How do we bear the fruit of the Spirit?
    - 1. Colossians 1:5-6 – through the Gospel
    - 2. this helps us understand how the Spirit works today (through the Word)
- II. Love
  - A. I Corinthians 13:1-3 – why we need love
  - B. I Corinthians 13:4-8 – what is love?
  - C. I John 3:18 – how to love
- III. Joy
  - A. Learn to cast our cares upon the Lord (I Peter 5:7)
  - B. Garland Elkins = “Joy is a by-product of righteous living.”
  - C. Philippians 4:4
  - D. Some who sought joy in sources other than Jesus
    - 1. Voltaire, a famous infidel and unbeliever in God is reported to have said, “I wish I had never been born.”
    - 2. Jay Gould, one of the richest Americans ever, said, “I suppose that I am the most miserable devil on earth.”
    - 3. Napoleon Bonaparte, while a prisoner on St. Helena, said, “Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and myself founded empires. But on what did we found them? On Force! Jesus Christ alone founded His on Love, and today there are millions who would die for Him.”
- IV. Peace (see Philippians 4:6-7)
- V. Longsuffering
  - A. “Patience, forbearance, slowness in avenging wrongs”
  - B. Colossians 3:12 – clothe ourselves with longsuffering
  - C. Not quick-tempered, not looking for ways to get even, not thinking about what we should have said or done to get revenge
  - D. II Peter 3:9 – God is longsuffering toward us
  - E. Romans 12:19 – vengeance belongs to God
  - F. Romans 12:19-20
  - G. Romans 12:21
  - H. Don’t expect perfection of those around you
  - I. One of the biggest hindrances to longsuffering is forgetfulness; forgetfulness of one’s own weaknesses
- VI. Gentleness
  - A. ASV = “kindness”
  - B. Matthew 7:12

- C. Implies an attitude of wanting to get along with others (though not at the cost of truth)
  - D. Romans 12:18
- VII. Goodness
- A. The beginning point for goodness is the heart (Matthew 12:35)
  - B. Goodness goes hand in hand with faithfulness to God (Matthew 25:21)
  - C. We are to show goodness toward everyone (Galatians 6:10)
  - D. Doing good is not always something that produces joy
    - 1. exposing error, correcting, disciplining
    - 2. Jesus went about doing good (Acts 10:38) and exposed error
  - E. Goodness is the intention to try to do the best for others
- VIII. Faith
- A. ASV = "faithfulness"
  - B. Some have said the word also entails faithfulness to men
    - 1. i.e., faithfulness to man in our dealings with him
    - 2. I Peter 2:12
    - e. Philippians 2:14-15
- IX. Meekness
- A. Closely connected with humility
  - B. Exact opposite of harsh intolerance and bitterness
  - C. Matthew 11:29
  - D. Numbers 12:3
  - E. Compassionate
  - F. Doing what you can for others
  - G. Not promoting yourself or boasting of yourself
  - H. Meekness is being strong and boldly leading, standing up for what's right and opposing the wrong
  - I. Rejoices in the successes of others
  - J. Not concerned about getting the glory, but is interested only in seeing that God gets the glory
  - K. Colossians 3:12
  - L. I Timothy 6:11
  - M. Galatians 6:1
  - N. II Timothy 2:25
  - O. James 1:21
  - P. I Peter 3:15
- X. Temperance
- A. Self-control
  - B. Takes self-discipline
    - 1. in service to God (times of assembling, prayer, Bible study, doing the work of the church)
    - 2. in every day life (the way we spend money, dress, talk, places we go, personal habits, etc.)
  - C. Matthew 16:24
  - D. I Corinthians 9:27