

# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

A fruit (*karpòs*) is something produced over time. This fruit is the outgrowth of living God's way with the help of God's Holy Spirit. *Karpòs* 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.

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**

**LOVE**

(*agape*)

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**

**PEACE**

(*eiréne*)

Moral goodness, integrity.

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

**KINDNESS**

(*chrestótes*)

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**

**FAITHFULNESS**

(*pístis*)

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**

**SELF-CONTROL**

(*engkráteia*)

"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**

**JOY**

(*chará*)

Patience, endurance, slowness in avenging wrongs, forbearance.

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

**LONGSUFFERING**

(*makrothumía*)

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

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

**GOODNESS**

(*agathosúne*)

Mildness, meekness.

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

**GENTLENESS**

(*praótes*)

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