

## Women In God's Service Bible Study

### Series: "Growing Through Prayer"

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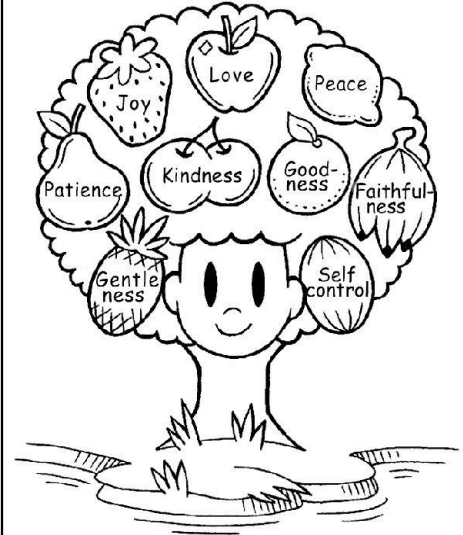


## "Today's Lesson "Fruit of the Spirit: Love



## Fruit Of The Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23



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Morning

*Prayer*

Sis. Carol Davenport

Scripture #s 1 & 2 Read By:

**Sis. Panya Porter**

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

1 John 4:11-13

Please be prepared to read other scriptures in case I need you to do so.

Scripture #s 3 & 4 Read By:

**Sis. Wanda Bullock**

Colossians 3:12-14

Galatians 5:22-25

Please be prepared to read other scriptures, in case I need you to do so.



*Do You Remember...*

*From Last Week's Lesson*

1. Which Spiritual Gift the Corinthian Church was focusing on when Paul wrote the 1 Corinthian letter?
2. The names of the two ladies whose house Paul visited regularly?
3. The couple's names who Paul said risked their life to save his?
4. The name of the lady whom Paul praised as a prominent Apostle?
5. The name of the lady who was imprisoned because of her ministry?
6. The name of the female servant in Philemon?
7. The name of the female who headed the Church in Laodicea?
8. The name of the female Deacon?
9. The name of the Book, Chapter, and Verse the female Deacon can be found?
10. Name some of the issues that Paul addressed in his Corinthian letter.

## Introduction

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We have spent much time studying about the Spiritual Gifts. We learned that Spiritual Gifts are given to members of the Body of Christ when we are born again and filled with the Holy Spirit. We learned that the Spiritual Gifts are given for the purpose of equipping the saints for ministry, for edifying (building up) the Body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man - to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11-13) Each child of God is to use his/her Spiritual Gift to extend the Kingdom of God on this earth, until Jesus splits the eastern sky at His return. (Matthew 24:27)

As the saints serve as walking billboards, advertising God's redemptive love, as we demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit, the Kingdom of God will extend across the earth. The unsaved will take notice and, by so doing, many will become aware that here is a better way to live, than the way which the god of this world (Satan) has blinded and deceived them to believe. As the saints demonstrate the Fruit of the Spirit, many of the unsaved will decide they no longer want to continue to live the carnal (fleshly) way of life, which results in pain, misery, and destruction.

The Fruit of the Spirit is the nature of Jesus Christ produced in the lives of the saints, by the Holy Spirit. The **Fruit of the Spirit** is the manifestation of a Christian's transformed life. As we study and understand the attributes of the "**Ninefold**" Fruit produced in us by the Holy Spirit, we will mature in our walk with Christ. The Fruit of the Spirit displays the development of a person's character as they are transformed to the image of Christ. The Fruit is the evidence of a true Holy Spirit filled Christian.

If you notice, when I speak of the “Gifts of the Spirit” I use Gifts in the plural sense, however when I speak of the “Fruit of the Spirit” I use Fruit in the singular sense. Why?

Paul is saying, when we are guided by the Holy Spirit, the **Fruit** of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control is given to us as a whole package, like a Fruit Basket. Spiritual Gifts are not given to any one person as a package – one person may be given the Gift of Teaching, while another is given the Gift of Healing – however, every born again, Holy Spirit filled person is given a package of **Fruit** of the Spirit. The Fruit has nine qualities. All of these are the **Fruit** of a life lived for Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit. So, Paul’s expression of “The Fruit of the Spirit” refers to one (1) Fruit with nine qualities, and not multiple fruits.



*Lesson Taught by (Ret.) Presiding Elder Ella M. Samuels  
Foundation Scriptures: Galatians 5:22-25; 1 Corinthians 13:1-7*



Closing Prayer: Pastor Minnie Pitts

The Departing Blessing:  
Leader: The peace of God be with you  
Response: And also with you.