

Eldership Class – Fruit of the Spirit
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Galatians 5:22-25 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

LOVE

1. Love for God ... and the Things of God

- a. Reading the _____
- b. Attending _____
- c. Worship (even worship at _____)
- d. Doing His _____

2. Love for _____

John 13:35 *"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

1 John 4:16 *And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.*

Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

3. Love for _____

- a. You are accepted...
 - i. You are God's child. **John 1:12**
 - ii. You are a friend of Jesus Christ. **John 15:15**
 - iii. You have been justified. **Romans 5:1**
 - iv. You have been bought with a price and you belong to God. **1 Corinthians 6:19-2**
 - v. You have been chosen by God and adopted as His child. **Ephesians 1:3-8**
 - vi. You have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ. **Hebrews 4:14-16**
- b. You are secure...
 - i. You are free from condemnation. **Romans 8:1-2**
 - ii. You are assured that God works for my good in all circumstances. **Romans 8:28**
 - iii. You are confident that God will complete the good work He started in me. **Philippians 1:6**
 - iv. You are born of God and the evil one cannot touch me. **1 John 5:18**

- c. You are significant...
 - i. You have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit. **John 15:16**
 - ii. You are God's temple **1 Corinthians 3:16.**
 - iii. You are a minister of reconciliation for God. **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**
 - iv. You are God's workmanship. **Ephesians 2:10**
 - v. You can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. **Philippians 4:13**

JOY

- 1. Joy is different than _____
- 2. JOY is a state of being - caused by internal knowledge and spiritual assurance that everything is going to be OK

a. I also know that...

- i. God promised to work everything out for us

Romans 8:28 *And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

- ii. God Himself will direct our lives

Psalms 37:23 *The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, And He delights in his way.*

- iii. In the end, everything will be OK

Revelation 21:4 *He [Jesus] will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

- b. Everything IS ok... We are saved by Jesus Christ... and NO _____ can take that away

Romans 8: 38-39 *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- 3. The JOY of the Lord is STRENGTH and _____

PEACE

Matthew 11:28 *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*

John 14:27 *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*

1. Peace with _____

2. Peace in Your _____

Isaiah 43:2 *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.*

3. Peace in _____

Matthew 6:34 *Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

Philippians 4: 6-7 *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

PATIENCE

1. Patience with _____

1 Corinthians 13:4 *Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful;*

2. We should be patient with _____ (the fulfillment of His promises)

2 Corinthians 1:20 *For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.*

Deuteronomy 7:12-13 *Then it shall come to pass, because you listen to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the LORD your God will keep with you the covenant and the mercy which He swore to your fathers. And He will love you and bless you and multiply you; He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land, your grain and your new wine and your oil, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flock, in the land of which He swore to your fathers to give you.*

Deuteronomy 7:14-15 *You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall not be a male or female barren among you or among your livestock. And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with none of the terrible diseases of Egypt which you have known, but will lay them on all those who hate you.*

Deuteronomy 7:22-24 *And the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you little by little; you will be unable to destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field become too numerous for you. But the LORD your God will deliver them over to you, and will inflict defeat upon them until they are destroyed...; no one shall be able to stand against you...*

Kindness

Corinthians 13:4 *Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful;*

Goodness

1. God demonstrates goodness to people

Romans 2:4 *Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?*

2. Christians must demonstrate GOODNESS to people

Faithfulness

Lamentations 3:22-23 *Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.*

1. Faithful to _____
2. Faithful to _____
3. Faithful to _____

Hebrews 10:24-25 *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

4. Faithful to your school, your job... ANY COMMITMENT

Gentleness

James 1:21 *Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

Self Control

Galatians 5:24 *And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*