

## Produce: Part 3

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**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** What fruit(s) is evidence that the Spirit is producing in your life? What fruit(s) is lacking?

### REVIEW

Producing & being productive is God's idea. God values us being productive. John 15:8 "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." [KJV]

The Spirit Produces:

#### 1. Force (Resurrection Power)

Romans 8:11 *"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."*

#### 2. Freedom

Romans 8:1 – 2 *"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."*

**TODAY:** The Spirit Produces:

#### 3. Fruit

Galatians 5:22-25 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."* [KJV]

Fruit of the Spirit is...

Fruit is defined as that which originates or comes from something; an effect, result

If you want good fruit you have to have a good tree!

Matt 12:32 *"Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit."* [KJV]

When we read verses like this it should align our attitudes with God's. This awareness should motivate us to being what God wants us to be.

In John, Chapter 14 and then again at the end of Chapter 15 in this discourse Jesus speaks of the Comforter. The Holy Spirit.

- The Holy Spirit will "be" – take residence; be present (14:16)
- The Holy Spirit would teach us all things (14:26)
- The Holy Spirit would testify of Christ (15:26)

Note not your fruit but the fruit that the Spirit produces!

Galatians 5:22 *"But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us..."* [NLT]

The Bible teaches that we are to be fruitful and multiply. Jesus tells us to bear much fruit. I'm afraid we are multiplying people just like us. People without joy, people with no peace, people without patience, people without the fruits God intended us to bear.

We are to be making disciples of Jesus Christ, not people with the fears that we have; frustrations that we have; faithlessness like we have;

Eph 4:13 *"until finally we all believe alike about our salvation and about our Savior, God's Son, and all become full-grown in the Lord-yes, to the point of being filled full with Christ."* [TLB]

### **What is the problem when we are not producing God kind of fruit?**

We are not filled with the Holy Spirit!

I have one point again this morning:

#### **a. Let the Spirit Produce Fruit in Your Life!**

If you are lacking any part of this fruit; If you are lacking patience, finding a book on patience or a 10-step program is probably just going to frustrate you. **Why?** Because you are trying to do in the natural what is produced by the Holy Spirit.

In my small group meeting I ask one of the men who farms, **"do you see fertilizer work?"** He looked at me sideways, shrugged and said, "well I see the effects of the fertilizer."

If you don't have patience, then you are not allowing the Holy Spirit to produce what HE produces. Spend your time getting filled with the Holy Spirit and HE will produce HIS fruit!

The world wants us to do spiritual things in our own strength! Just get more faith they tell us. If you don't have faith, pray and asked to be filled with the Holy Spirit that produces faith!

The Holy Spirit produces the nature and character of Christ!

Vs. 25 *"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."*