

## **The Fruit of the Spirit.**

GAL 5:22-23, “But the fruit or the production of the Holy Spirit keeps on being virtue-love, joy, peace, patience, kindness or graciousness, faithfulness,”

The eighth manifestation of the production of the Holy Spirit in Gal 5:23, is the word "gentleness" which is the Greek word “prautes” meaning gentleness, humility or meekness. This is one of the most important ingredients from the fruit of the Spirit inasmuch as vanity and pride are the most common human traits. It is a quality and characteristic that only God can achieve. Gentleness and meekness is also to be put on by that which God provides as recorded for us in Col 3:12. This virtue is commanded in 1Ti 6:11, Jam 1:21.

What is true biblical humility? Humility is freedom from pride and arrogance. In Satan’s cosmic system, cosmic one, there is the arrogance complex designed by Satan as the god of this world to lure both unbelievers and believers from the predesigned plan of God , (PPOG). Arrogance has so many facets that sooner or later people are captured by it apart from residence in the PPOG, under the enabling power of the Spirit and momentum from metabolized Bible doctrine.

The virtue of all believers is humility. It is total freedom from cosmic one, which includes enforced humility and genuine humility plus objectivity and being teachable. Therefore, humility is a prerequisite for learning doctrine. There is a difference between enforced humility and genuine humility. Enforced humility is submission to legitimate authority. Genuine humility is the virtue of complete grace orientation through perception of Bible doctrine.

We submit by our daily intake of the Word of God. If we become neglectful of doctrine, we are in a state of rebellion. Insubordination is also rejection of authority.

Humility or being humble in the PPOG is recognition of the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ and submitting to that authority. There's no greater manifestation of a believer's recognition of the authority of The Lord Jesus Christ than accuracy in his worship toward God.

The connection between humility and wisdom is that the only basis for having wisdom in life is through humility. There is no honor without humility. Respect for the Lord is personal love for God, one of the characteristics of spiritual self-esteem. No believer can have honor or integrity in his life without the virtue of humility. The ultimate expression of our humility is obedience to the PPOG for our life. Since the Bible is the mind of Christ, submission to the authority of our Lord is tantamount to the perception, metabolization and application of Bible doctrine. Humility is a system of divine viewpoint thinking related to grace orientation and occupation with Christ. This also means that humility is a system of recognizing the authority of Jesus Christ as the ruler of the Church, and that He has delegated all authority in the Church Age to the Word of God, especially the mystery doctrine found in the Church- Age epistles, and the pastor-teacher as God's delegated authority to teach the Word of God.

A believer who operates in true humility operates in a system of Bible doctrine, resulting in that believer living in the directive will of God rather than the permissive will of God. Humility is both a system of thinking as well as a way of life. In fact, humility is a system of thinking before it becomes a way of life. When we are born, we must grow up as a human being under a system of establishment authority. When are born again, we must grow up as a Christian under the authority of the pastor-teacher and the PPOG.

When are married, we must grow up as a spouse.

### **Points on Humilty:**

1. Humility is recognition and respect for legitimate authority in life.
2. Humility is divine viewpoint thinking.

3. Humility is poise and courage under pressure.
4. Humility is being teachable.
5. Humility is the sum total of grace orientation and being teachable.
6. Humility is capacity for life, love and happiness.
7. Humility is the basis for gratitude and appreciation in life.
8. Humility is the function of establishing right priorities in life.
9. Humility is the right function of self-determination in life.
10. Humility is making right decisions from a position of strength.
11. Humility is the recognition of failure in the Christian life and the willingness to recover through rebound.
12. Humility is the basis for flexibility in life, the basis for God molding a vessel of honor, which glorifies Him.
13. Humility is related to promotion.
14. Humility is an expression of doctrine circulating in the soul.

### **Self Control**

The ninth and last manifestation of the production of the Holy Spirit is self-control which is the Greek noun “egkrateia” which means self-discipline or self-control, the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites. Self-discipline or self-control is based upon humility and meekness. This also means an "organized life". If you have self-discipline you are going to have an organized life. An organized life is based upon two concepts:

1. Having the right priorities, which means a "time" for everything. A time for God, time for doctrine, Time for family, friends, business and a time for pleasure.
2. An organized life is also based upon Bible doctrine, which will give you the capacity to organize your life and have inner happiness with the right priorities. It is the organized person who is persistent and consistent in the perception of doctrine. Therefore, sooner or later, if you desire to fulfill God's plan and glorify God, you have to get organized.

For example, if you're always late then obviously you are either a person with bad manners or a person who is disorganized. Under the doctrine of election, there is no excuse; you have 24 hours in a day like everyone else. The doctrine of election says....equal privilege and equal opportunity. You have the same opportunity as anyone else to advance to spiritual maturity, if you choose. However, if you have the wrong priorities you will never make

it. Most people who whine and complain about their life and how busy they are and that they don't have time for everything have made a series of bad decisions and they are in "self-induced misery". They have had wrong priorities, and they are disorganized. This is why the apostle Paul said to the Ephesians, to redeem the time because the days are evil, EPH 5:15-17.

The self - disciplined believer comes to Bible class, learns doctrine and understands what the will of God is. He is teachable through humility, has an organized life on the basis of biblical priorities and a doctrinal scale of values.

Self-control is taught in many passages in the Bible.

**PRO 16:32 “He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit, than he who captures a city.”**

This passage actually teaches that an individual who can triumph over himself is greater than an individual who captures an entire city in battle. It also teaches that we can tame the lion within, the old sin nature, not making it better, but controlling it rather than letting it control you.

**PRO 25:28 {Like} a city that is broken into {and} without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit.**

**Psa 39:1, Jam 3:2, Rom 6:12** also teach different aspects of self-control.

Self-discipline and self-control is an important manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit. When you hear something with which you violently disagree with, you have self-control, you maintain your poise, and from your poise you will eventually develop a phenomenal ability for learning.

The Apostle Paul asserts that self-control must characterize the one who would contend for a crown. For example, in 2Ti 2:4 "No soldier on active duty entangles himself in the affairs of everyday life" A person on active duty in the army of God does not live a normal life and is not in bondage to the details of life. so that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. God enlisted you as a soldier for Him on the day of your salvation.

**2Ti 2:5 “And also if anyone competes in the athletic games, he does not receive a winner's crown unless he trains according to the rules.”**

In the competitive games every athlete went through identical training no matter what his event. This is analogous to every believer having the identical equal privilege and equal opportunity inside the PPOG as the place in which we train and compete. Only the believer inside the PPOG is living the Christian way of life and therefore is qualified to compete in the competitive game of the angelic conflict. The athletes of Paul's day were the ones who trained under the rules of the national gymnasium for ten months under strict discipline. The believer also is to train and operate under strict rules, which requires self- discipline and self-control.

The apostle Paul used military and athletic metaphors to describe self-discipline and self-control. This illustrates how we are to be self-disciplined to compete for a reward which is imperishable 1CO 9:25. When we look at someone in a certain field such as athletics, music, literature, art, theater, etc., who excels in their field, we have a tendency to say they have a God-given ability and that's probably correct in most cases. However, having a God-given ability is absolutely meaningless unless you use it. The same thing is true in the spiritual realm.

God gives us a supernatural power and ability to glorify Him and receive fantastic blessings in both time and eternity, but if we don't use that

ability, such as the fruit of the Spirit, the problem solving devices or our spiritual gift, *our life is just a wasted of time ending with regrets at the Judgment seat of Christ.*