

# The Fruit of Longsuffering



**Colossians 1:9-11**

- Review – “The Fruit of the Holy Spirit – Gal. 5:22-23
  - The Christian Believer is to walk bearing God’s nature a life that is marked by the Fruit of the Holy Spirit.
  - Only the Holy Spirit can produce the fruit of the Spirit and not by our own efforts.
  - The word “fruit” is singular, not plural.
  - The Holy Spirit has only one fruit.
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- Lesson 2 – “The Fruit of Love” – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
  - Spiritual gifts, no matter how exciting and wonderful, are useless and even destructive if they are not ministered in love.
  - The agape (divine love) is the highest word for love in the New Testament.
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- Lesson # 3 – “The Fruit of Joy”
  - Joy – an inner gladness; a deep-seated pleasure.”
  - The declaration of God’s Word, accompanied by a sincere desire to follow its instruction, will result in a true, heartfelt joy.
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- Lesson #4 – “The Fruit of Peace”
  - The Hebrew word of peace is shalom. It means harmony, wholeness, soundness, wellbeing, and success in all areas of life.
  - This peace is an inner tranquility given to us by the Holy Spirit.

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- Longsuffering: patience, bearing and suffering a long time, perseverance, being constant, steadfast, and enduring.
- Longsuffering is a word that refers primarily to God’s patient endurance of the wickedness of the sinful (Rom. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9, 15; 1 Tim. 1:16).
- Believers are to imitate their heavenly Father in longsuffering (1 Cor. 13:4-5), because He has been patient with us (Eph. 4:31-32) and because vengeance belongs to God alone (Rom. 12:19).

- Paul was in prison in Rome when writing to the Colossian believers.
- Paul had never visited the Colossian church.
  
- Paul made three great requests.
  1. The first great request is to know God's will (v. 9).
  2. The second great request is to walk worthy of Christ (v. 10).
  3. The third great request is for the power of God (v. 11).
    - God's power is an absolute essential for the believer.
    - Many in the world believes that man has the strength within himself to become spiritually strong.
- A. God's power gives us a spirit of patience: endurance, fortitude, steadfastness, constancy, and perseverance.
- B. God's power gives us a spirit of longsuffering: patience, bearing and suffering a long time, perseverance.
- Longsuffering never strikes back!