

The Fruit of Goodness



Philippians 4:5

- Review – “The Fruit of the Holy Spirit – Gal. 5:22-23
- Only the Holy Spirit can produce the fruit of the Spirit and not by our own efforts.
- We are looking at the traits.
- Lesson 2 – “The Fruit of Love” – 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- Spiritual gifts are useless and even destructive if they are not ministered in love.
- Lesson # 3 – “The Fruit of Joy”
- Joy – an inner gladness; a deep-seated pleasure.
- Lesson #4 – “The Fruit of Peace”
- Shalom – means harmony, wholeness, soundness, wellbeing, and success in all areas of life.
- Lesson #5 – “The Fruit of Longsuffering”
- Longsuffering: patience, bearing and suffering a long time, perseverance, being constant, steadfast, and enduring.
- Lesson #6 – “The Fruit of Gentleness”
- Gentleness: it is kind and good, useful and helpful, gentle and sweet, considerate and gracious through all situations.

The Fruit of Goodness - Ephesians 2:10

- “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” NIV
 - Goodness: is being full of virtue and excellence, kindness and helpfulness, peace and consideration.
 - It is the quality of being good, praiseworthy, character, and moral excellence.
1. We are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus (10a).
 - The word “workmanship” is derived from our English word poem.

- Our conversion is not the end; it is the beginning.
- How does God work in us? Through His Holy Spirit, “both to will and to do His good pleasure” (Phil. 2:13).
- When a man believes in Jesus Christ, God creates him in Christ.
- What does this mean?
- It means that God quickens the spirit of the believer and makes his spirit alive (Eph. 2:1, 5).
- It means that God causes the believer to be born again spiritually (John 3:3, 5-6).
- It means that God places His divine nature into the heart of the believer (2 Pet. 1:4).
- It means that God makes a new creature of the believer (2 Cor. 5:17).
- It means that God creates a new man out of the believer (Eph. 4:24).
- It means that God renews the believer by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5).

2. We are created to do good works (2:10b).

- God saves man for good works not by good works.
- Note that God has ordained us to walk in good works.
- The word “works” have two special characteristics.
- First, they are “good” works, in contrast to “works of darkness” and “wicked works.”
- The unbeliever has Satan working in him, and therefore his works are not good.
- It is too bad that many believers minimize the place of good works in the Christian life.
- Life is not just about being good people but it is about doing goodness (Prov. 11:17).
- Random acts of goodness shouldn’t be so random.
- Why is it when you do good, you feel good?