Lesson #

Pneumatology-The Fruit of the Spirit

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\* In this lesson we are going to learn about the more *practical* (things concerning actual use or practice) aspects of God the Holy Ghost’s work in the believer, particularly **“the fruit of the Spirit.”**

\* It is interesting to note that in our day and age people are much more interested in handouts than they are in labor. The truth is that the “fruit of the Spirit” is what is needed in the world today, and not the “gifts of the Spirit” per se. Yet, the people who always talk about the “Holy Ghost” seemed to be always concerned with the *gifts of the Spirit*, instead of the *fruits of the Spirit*. This is manifest in two vital things in the Christian circuit. When they do talk about the fruit of the Spirit, they usually miss the two most important things about the Holy Ghost’s fruit. First, *a love for God*, and second, *a love for God’s word*.

**Truth*:*** Placing anything or anybody ahead of our love for God and our love for God’s word is falsehood, lies and nonsense, and is taught nowhere in the Scriptures. A man and a woman when joined in marriage expect a more devout love from their mate than from previous loves as parents or siblings. Even the Scriptures command such.

“And said, For this cause shall a man l \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and shall c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

 t \_ h \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_: and t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ o \_ \_ flesh? Wherefore they are n \_ m \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_, b \_ \_ o \_ \_ flesh. What therefore G \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ j \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ together, let not man p \_ \_

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 19:5, 6***

\* So, why would we think that it is okay with the Lord for us to love something or somebody else more than Him? Foolishness!

“Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt l \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ thy God w \_ \_ \_ all thy h \_ \_ \_ \_, and with all thy s \_ \_ \_, and with all thy m \_ \_ \_. This is the f \_ \_ \_ \_ and g \_ \_ \_ \_ commandment.” ***Matthew 22:37, 38***

“Jesus answered and said unto him, I \_ a m \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ m \_, h \_ w \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ m \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ n \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ m \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me.” ***John 14:23, 24; 15:7-14***

\* Now a problem that we have in Christianity today is that Christians are putting the second commandment ahead of the first by putting the love for the brethren ahead of the sinless word of God. This is making one of the biggest messes in the body of Christ ever. All of this nonsense about “loving God” and the proof of loving God being the fact that these sinners love each other, is just more socialistic, communistic, humanistic claptrap. It is fake in the heart of the people, and fake in its actions to one another. If a man loves God, he will love Gods words. Love for God *without* love for God’s word, is an unknown, unheard of thing in the Bible. The twentieth century apostate Laodicean church is the only church in the Bible which has ever been able to pull off the sucker’s pitch that a man can love God while rejecting what God has ***said***.

“And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in

o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ v \_ \_ \_ \_ of the LORD? Behold, t \_ o \_ \_ \_ i \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ than sacrifice, and

t \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ than the fat of rams. ***1 Samuel 15:22***

“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but m \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ n \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_.”

***Matthew 24:35***

\* So, we see, when people talk about the “fruit of the Spirit” and supposedly manifesting love, we must be careful to remember that they are never referring to *Biblical love* or *spiritual love*, **when Gods word is not loved first**. The kind of love they are referring to is the back slapping, hugging, handshaking, physical, lovey dovey sort of love which purposely seeks to keep from “offending” anyone by mentioning sound doctrine from the Bible. In other words, lets have love without talking about what is *right* and *wrong* or *what God thinks*.

**Truth:** God’s love, Christ’s love, God the Holy Ghost’s love, and the love of the word of God never are for appeasing the flesh, the world or the devil.



\* Now, we are going to go over and learn about the fruit of the Spirit in this lesson, and in the next lesson take up the subject of the gifts of the Holy Ghost.

The Nine Fruits of the Spirit

‘But the f \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is l \_ \_ \_, j \_ \_, p \_ \_ \_ \_, l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_,

g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, f \_ \_ \_ \_, M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: against such there is no law. And t \_ \_ \_ that a \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If w \_ l \_ \_ \_ in the Spirit, l \_ \_ u \_ a \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ in the Spirit.” ***Galatians 5:22-25***

1. ***Love***

This is divine love. It is an attribute of the indwelling God.

“And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. G \_ \_ i \_ l \_ \_ \_; and he that d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ l \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ G \_ \_, and God in him.”

***1 John 4:16; 1 Corinthians 13***

\* This part of the “fruit of the Spirit” (love) is manifest first by a ***love for God Himself***.

“H \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ l \_ \_ \_, not that we loved God, but that h \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” ***1 John 4:10***

“But G \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” ***Romans 5:8***

The first manifestation of the Holy Ghost in the life of the believer is a *love for God*.

\* The second love is a ***love for God’s word***.

“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man l \_ \_ \_ m \_, h \_ w \_ \_ \_ k \_ \_ \_ m \_

w \_ \_ \_ \_: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” ***John 14:23***

“As newborn babes, d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_, that ye m \_ \_

g \_ \_ \_ thereby:” ***1 Peter 2:2***

There is no such thing in the Bible as a Bible-believing Christian who doesn’t love the words that God spoke in the Bible. You cannot love God without loving His word.

“I \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ was the Word, and the Word was with God, and t \_ \_ W \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ G \_ \_.” ***John 1:1***

Jesus Christ was the Word of God incarnate in the flesh, and the Bible is the word of God, in print, where you can get it. The Holy Ghost gives a man *love for God’s word*.

\* The third way love is manifest in the life of the believer is through ***love for God’s people***.

“B \_ t \_ \_ \_ shall all men k \_ \_ \_ that ye are m \_ disciples, if ye h \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ t \_

a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***John 13:35***

This is one of the ways we know we are saved and we know we have eternal life: *loving the brethren, “God’s People.”*

**Truth:** True Scriptural brotherly love ***never requires or demands*** the believer to put brethren before Biblical doctrinal truth. Every sincere believer puts Gods word first.

“W \_ k \_ \_ \_ that we have passed f \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_, because w \_ l \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.” ***1 John 3:14***

The love of the “fruit of the Spirit” cannot be compared to worldly love. They are not the same and have nothing in common. A person cannot have God the Holy Ghosts love without God the Holy Ghost indwelling him. A man cannot successfully counterfeit this fruit. One evidence to us about our having eternal life is the unique love (Christ’s love) God has put in us and is cultivating. Man does not control the fruit, of God’s love, it controls him.

1. ***Joy***

This fruit is not the so-called happiness of this world, or what they would call “fun.”

This fruit of the Spirit is a deep, deep gladness with God’s strength and care behind it. It is something that goes through trials and devastation and still comes out on top with hope.

“R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the Lord a \_ \_ \_ \_: and again I say, R \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Philippians 4:4***

“And w \_ k \_ \_ \_ that a \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ work together for good to t \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_

G \_ \_, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” ***Romans 8:28***

You can have more joy as a child of God in adverse circumstances than you can have in the world when you are prosperous. This explains why many movie stars, rock stars, and millionaires commit suicide by blowing their brains out or doping themselves to death. They had “fun” but they had no “joy.” Joy is a part of the “fruit of the Spirit.”

“Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our LORD: neither be ye sorry; f \_ \_ t \_ \_ j \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ i \_ y \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Nehemiah 8:10***

1. ***Peace***

Here we have peace. That’s the biggest thing you hear talked about in politics and government and throughout the world today. Everybody talking about “peace” and nobody knows what it is, or where to find it, or how to identify it. There is an idiot that sits on Sundays in front of the Florida Capital building with all his peace signs out and his dog there and sits barefoot on the ground in his yoga position pretending to promote peace and has no idea what peace is. When confronted with the Lord Jesus Christ and the Bible he gets very offended and says it is a delusion. And this is the one to promote peace to the people? Ludicrous, absurd, cockeyed, idiotic, laughable, nonsensical, preposterous, ridiculous, fakefakefakefakefake! The people passing by read “peace” and say, “ah yes, peace!” and then draw a blank.

The peace we are talking about as a “fruit of the Spirit” satisfies the soul completely. It is a peace that was bought for us by only one person at a very costly price.

“And the p \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, which p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, shall

k \_ \_ \_ your hearts and minds t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Philippians 4:7***

“And let the p \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ i \_ y \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.” ***Colossians 3:15***

“P \_ \_ \_ \_ I leave with you, m \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ I g \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_: n \_ \_ a \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

***John 14:27***

The fruit, “peace,” of the Holy Spirit cannot be understood enough for a man to explain or define, yet it is. Isn’t that just like the Lord? You have to admire that. If man could control it, he would bottle it and inflate the price. This peace is given to us, and is not in any way comparable to world peace. Don’t you get sick of hearing that, “world peace?” Why don’t they say, “The peace of God?” The Lord said that while we are in the world that we will have tribulation, but that we will have peace throughout the tribulation. People want peace, but don’t want it at the expense of God being over them. How sad and stupid. But this is the history of mankind.

“And, having m \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.” ***Colossians 1:20***

Man is shedding blood daily in the name of peace. Yet, “there is no peace.” Wrong blood! Jesus’ shed blood is the foundation of all peace. Real, true Peace begins there.

1. ***Longsuffering***

This is what we sometimes call “patience.” The natural man is impatient, and the world today is a “I have to have it now and right now” and “I got my rights” obsessed society. The absence of longsuffering is everywhere. None in marriage, none in parenting, none in prosperity, none in generosity, none in hope, none in growing up or growing old, and none in life or others and none in sacrificing. But, when a man is born again the Holy Ghost enables and teaches longsuffering through the word and practice, then goes through it with him to bear this fruit.

“I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that y \_ w \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, w \_ \_ \_

l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ l \_ \_ \_; Endeavoring to

k \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_u \_ \_ \_ \_ of t \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the bond of peace.” ***Ephesians 4:1-3***

In other words, “Put up with it and PRAY!” Not easy but definitely a fruit seen in a

maturing Christian.

1. ***Gentleness***

This is kindness or graciousness. Jesus was known by His kindness and graciousness. Notice that this gentleness has nothing to do with being “Yellow” or a coward. It has nothing to do with being harsh in speech. Notice some things that the “gentle Jesus” spoke.

“Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, h \_ \_ c \_ \_ y \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ \_?” ***Matthew 23:33***

“Y \_ a \_ \_ o \_ y \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: f \_ \_ h \_ i \_ a l \_ \_ \_, and the father of it.” ***John 8:44***

“Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear them not, b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ a \_ \_ n \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_.” ***John 8:46, 47***

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_! for y \_ a \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_

w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, b \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ a \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ o \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 23:27, 28***

“Then shall h \_ s \_ \_ also unto them on the left hand, D \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ m \_, y \_

c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, i \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_, prepared for the devil and his angels:” ***Matthew 25:41***

When we read about the fruit of gentleness, we have no reference at all to somebody bowing and cowing down and letting somebody step all over them. This attribute was manifest in the Lord Jesus Christ ***where it was needed***. Notice how gently Jesus Christ deals with the woman of Samaria, but how rough He is with Nicodemus. Did you notice how gentle He was with Mary Magdalene, but how rough He was with Caiaphas? Did you notice how gentle He was with that woman who came and washed His feet with her tears and hair, but how rough He was with His host who sat at the same dinner table with Him?

“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: b \_ y \_ therefore w \_ \_ \_ a \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Matthew 10:16***

“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ y \_ d \_, d \_ a \_ \_ t \_ t \_ \_

g \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_.” ***1 Corinthians 10:31***

Gentleness is a “fruit of the Spirit.”

1. ***Goodness***

This fruit will make the Christian full of “good works” not bad works. One way of telling you are saved is that you will progressively desire to have good works. It is a fruit of the Spirit. A Christian does not do good works to get saved, but because he is saved.

“This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that t \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, that they which have believed in God m \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

g \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_. These things are g \_ \_ \_ and p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto men.” ***Titus 3:8***

“As we have therefore opportunity, l \_ \_ u \_ d \_ g \_ \_ \_ unto all men, e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

u \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ who are of the household of faith.” ***Galatians 6:10***



“And let us consider one another t \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ unto love and t \_ g \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_:”

***Hebrews 10:24***

1. ***Faith***

“For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, T \_ \_ j \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ b \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Romans 1:17***

Faith is a “fruit of the Spirit.” The Holy Ghost after salvation teaches the believer how to believe God and believe what God has said. This produces and strengthens faith.

“So then f \_ \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ by hearing, and hearing b \_ t \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_.”

***Romans 10:17***

To different men, different measures of faith are given.

“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath d \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ t \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Romans 12:3***

The “faith” that is the “fruit” of the Spirit is never developed or produced for one to prosper himself in the things of the world or the flesh or the devil. It is a faith that glorifies, honors, reverences, and magnifies the Lord and the word of God. The fruit of faith in which the Bible speaks of cannot be had without Gods help or Jesus Christ being honored.

“But w \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ i \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_: for he that cometh to God m \_ \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ that h \_ i \_, and that h \_ i \_ a r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of them that diligently seek him.” ***Hebrews 11:6***

1. ***Meekness***

This fruit includes a mildness of temper. The Lord Jesus Christ was humble, and this should be true of us.

“And the servant of the Lord must n \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, I \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;” ***2 Timothy 2:24, 25***

Notice again that meekness or mildness of temper has nothing to do with **always being meek**. It was the “gentle Jesus meek and mild” who went into the temple and kicked over the tables, knocked the money on the floor, and beat the people with a whip. It is the “meek Lord Jesus” who said that when He returns He will cast people into a lake of fire ***(Matthew 25)***. “Mildness of temper” means simply that you don’t lose it. It simply means righteous indignation is alright, but don’t fly of the handle every time something comes up.

“To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ a \_ \_ m \_ \_.” ***Titus 3:2***

Remember, all these fruits of the Spirit are intended to conform us into the image of Christ. They are “on the job training.” It is fruit that is perfected by practicing.

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, l \_ \_ u \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in the fear of God.”***2 Corinthians 7:1***

1. ***Temperance***

The trait of avoiding excesses; Abstaining from excess; Restrain; chastening; moderating; normalizing; seasoning.

This is self-control. In this sin obsessed world today and all the temptations to covet after all over the place, this fruit is especially difficult to cultivate because it takes an attitude of discipline to obtain. But God the Holy Ghost will provide the power if you will provide the will. Being temperate is like the definition above of “seasoning.” In our Christian walk we must leave out certain things and add more of some things to get balance. A perfect fruit. Of course, all of this is achieved by “sincerity and truth.”

“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, l \_ \_ u \_ g \_ o \_ u \_ \_ \_

p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,” ***Hebrews 6:1***

“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, m \_ \_ \_ y \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, stablish, strengthen, settle you.” ***1 Peter 5:10***

\* In closing, these nine parts of the fruit of the Holy Spirit are all opposite and contrary to the filthy, and natural “works of the flesh” which are listed in ***Galatians 5***. Fruit is always an evidence of death. There can be no fruit in the life of the believer until the believer is dead.

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground a \_ \_ d \_ \_, it abideth alone: but i \_ i \_ d \_ \_, it bringeth forth m \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***John 12:24***

If we are not dead, we will merely bring forth “the works of the flesh.” Therefore, fruit is the evidence that “self” in the life of the believer has been crucified, and the believer is living the crucified life to the glory of God.

Thank you for participating in this study and honoring the Lord and His word.

The Fruit of the Spirit

