



I. INTRO/REVIEW

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT) But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

The Fruit of the Spirit isn't nine disconnected character traits. It's one life. The life of Jesus being produced in us.

II. THE FRUIT OF FAITHFULNESS

Faithfulness is character that is reliable, loyal and trustworthy that confidently, and consistently stands steady regardless of temptations or hardships that may come.

Psalms 101:6 (NASB1995) My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me; He who walks in a blameless way is the one who will minister to me.

- A. The world is yearning for faithfulness.
- B. Each day opportunities arrive display faithfulness before others.

III. ACKNOWLEDGE

- A. God is faithful all the time.

Psalms 119:89 (NKJV) Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

We need the help of the Holy Spirit because our human understanding is limited at best. Simply put, "you don't know what you don't know"!

- B. God's faithfulness is without measure.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (AMPC) Know, recognize, *and* understand therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, Who keeps covenant and steadfast love *and* mercy with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.

"God cannot change. He cannot be anything other than who He is. Out of His love and His promises, you were selected as His treasure. God's faithfulness has been the bedrock of His dealings with humanity throughout time." — Graham Cooke

IV. ACCEPT

2 Timothy 2:12 (NIRV) If we don't give up, we will also rule with him. If we say we don't know him, he will also say he doesn't know us.

- A. Receive or reject.

Our receiving or rejecting is on us. Faithfulness is fruit that can advance your life in so many ways.

2 Timothy 2:13 (NIRV) Even if we are not faithful, he remains faithful. He must be true to himself.



B. With faithfulness comes promise.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIRV) You are tempted in the same way all other human beings are. God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted any more than you can take. But when you are tempted, God will give you a way out. Then you will be able to deal with it.

Someone said: The ability to serve God faithfully through the years and through the temptations of life is not something we achieve by heroic virtue. It comes from the Spirit.

V. ACTIVATE

Activate: to make active or more active.

Gal. 5:23 says no law against any of the fruit listed, because each one reveals God's character and corresponds perfectly with His love. What activates your faithfulness? What motivates you to be more faithful?

1. It's my duty (it's required of me).
2. I think I should (what could happen if I don't).
3. I want to get recognition (feed my ego).
4. I desire to serve God exclusively (it proves I am free).
5. I'm cooperating with God in carrying out His will (I want to be a God pleaser).

2 Corinthians 6:1 (NIRV) We work together with God. So we are asking you not to receive God's grace and then do nothing with it.

The phrase "work together with God" emphasizes that Christians are called to actively participate in God's mission, not just passively receive His blessings.

"Ordinary faithfulness leads to extraordinary impact." — Matthew Barnett

1 Samuel 25:18-19 (NKJV) Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five seahs of roasted grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys. ¹⁹ And she said to her servants, "Go on before me; see, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

1. Faithfulness can happen when wisdom is applied.
2. Faithfulness can happen when peace is offered.
3. Faithfulness can happen when generosity occurs.
4. Faithfulness can happen when courage takes place.
5. Faithfulness can happen when love is self-less.

VI. ACCUMULATE

Faithfulness causes us to reassess our values in life. What really matters and is worthy of our time and attention.

Matthew 6:19-20 (NKJV) "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.