

A GODLY MAN III

PSALM 1:1

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

PSALM 1:2

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

PSALM 1:3

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

PSALM 1:4

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

PSALM 1:5

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

PSALM 1:6

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

GENESIS 6:5

5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

GENESIS 6:6

6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

ECCLESIASTES 8:11

11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

ECCLESIASTES 9:3

3 This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.

JEREMIAH 17:9

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

MATTHEW 15:19

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

MARK 7:21

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

MARK 7:22

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

MARK 7:23

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.

PSALM 24:3

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?

PSALM 24:4

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

MATTHEW 5:8

8 Blessed are the *PURE in heart: for they shall see God.

PURE: katharos {kath-ar-os'}

Clean, purified by fire; ethically, free from corrupt desire, from sin and guilt; free from every admixture of what is false, sincere; genuine; blameless, innocent; unstained with the guilt of anything.

A good dictionary will define pure as "conforming absolutely to a standard of quality; faultless. " When a thing is pure, it is unmixed, unalloyed, unadulterated, uncontaminated or undefiled by anything foreign to itself.

God desires purity in all we think, say and do. The heart is central to this because in the Bible the heart stands for the seat, source, reservoir and instigator of our thoughts, attitudes, desires, character and motivation.

It is synonymous with our modern use of "mind," since the mind is where we hold knowledge, attitudes, motivations, affections, desires, likes and dislikes.

I TIMOTHY 1:5

5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

II TIMOTHY 2:22

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

I PETER 1:22

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

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E-2 Jesus looks for the pure in heart. He said, "The pure in heart shall see God. "

MATTHEW 7:15

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

MATTHEW 7:16

16 Ye shall know them by their *FRUITS. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

FRUITS: karpos {kar-pos'}

Fruit; the fruit of the trees, vines, of the fields; that which originates or comes from something; an effect, result, work, act, deed, of Christian character

MATTHEW 7:17

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

One may misjudge what a tree is by looking at its leaves and branches or flowers. But fruit is proof positive of the identification of the tree. Apples are not confused with walnuts or oranges or bananas.

MATTHEW 7:18

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

MATTHEW 7:19

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

MATTHEW 7:20

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

GALATIANS 5:19

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

GALATIANS 5:20

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

GALATIANS 5:21

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

THIS CONTRASTS THE WORKS OF THE FLESH

The contrast between works and fruit is important. A machine in a factory works, and turns out a product, but it could never manufacture fruit. Fruit must grow out of life, and, in the case of the believer, it is the life of the Spirit.

When you think of "works" you think of effort, labor, strain, and toil; when you think of "fruit" you think of beauty, quietness, the unfolding of life.

The flesh produces "dead works", but the Spirit produces living fruit. And this fruit has in it the seed for still more fruit. Love begets more love!

Joy helps to produce more joy! Jesus is concerned that we produce "fruit . . . more fruit . . . much fruit", because this is the way we glorify Him. The old nature cannot produce fruit; only the new nature can do that.

GALATIANS 5:22

22 But the *FRUIT of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

FRUIT: karpos {kar-pos'}

that which originates or comes from something; an effect, result, work, act, deed, of Christian character

The works of the flesh are spoken of as many; but the fruit of the Spirit is spoken of as one, many works, but one fruit.

IT IS THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT NOT THE INDIVIDUAL

It is important to observe that the fruit here described is not produced by a believer, but by the Holy Spirit working through a Christian who is in vital union with Christ.

The word "fruit" is singular, indicating that these qualities constitute a unity, all of which should be found in a believer who lives under the control of the Spirit. In an ultimate sense this "fruit" is simply the life of Christ lived out in a Christian.

I would like to divide the graces of the Spirit into three categories.

First, the inward fruit. "Love, joy, peace". These are three inward attitudes that only the Gospel can bring to a man.

LOVE, is agape (Greek) love, Divine love, not love found in human nature. It excels all love. Such self-sacrificing love that sent Christ to die for sinners is the kind of love that believers who are Spirit-controlled manifest.

JOY, (chara) is the result of holiness, it is a deep and abiding inner rejoicing which was promised to those who abide in Christ. It does not depend on circumstances because it rests in God's sovereign control of all things. Sin causes sadness not joy.

PEACE, speaks of peace with God through salvation, and the peace of God from salvation. It is a gift of Christ (cf. John 14:27). It is an inner repose and quietness, even in the face of adverse circumstances; it defies human understanding. The world cannot give this peace. Only Jesus can.

THE REAL GENUINE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT CAN ONLY BE PRODUCED BY THE INDWELLING PRESENCE OF THE SPIRIT.

GALATIANS 5:22

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

The second group reaches out to others, fortified by love, joy, and peace.

LONGSUFFERING, patient endurance; to bear long with the frailties, offenses, injuries, and provocations of others, without murmuring, repining, or resentment. It is the quality of forbearance under provocation. It entertains no thoughts of retaliation even when wrongfully treated.

GENTLENESS, a disposition to be gentle, soft-spoken, kind, even-tempered, refined in character and conduct. "Gentleness" is sometimes spoken of as kindness. It is conduct that is thoughtful and considerate of others.

These actions cannot be reproduced in the flesh, for they are contrary to the flesh.

GOODNESS, the state of being good, kind, virtuous, benevolent, generous, and God-like in life and conduct. A disposition inclining us to communicate what we have and are to others, and to do all the possible good we can in our respective places and stations.

It is possible for the old nature to counterfeit some of the fruit of the Spirit, but the flesh can never produce the fruit of the Spirit. One difference is this: when the Spirit produces fruit God gets the glory and the Christian is not conscious of his spirituality; but when the flesh is at work,

the person is inwardly proud of himself and is pleased when others compliment him. The work of the Spirit is to make us more like Christ for His glory, not for the praise of men.

GALATIANS 5:22

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

The final three graces guide the general conduct of a believer who is led by the Spirit.

FAITH, the living, divinely implanted, acquired, and created principle of inward and wholehearted confidence, assurance, trust, and reliance in God and all that He says.

GALATIANS 5:23

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

MEEKNESS (the right use of power and authority, power under control);

Meekness is not weakness. Jesus said, "I am meek and lowly in heart" (Matt 11:29), and Moses was "very meek" (Num 12:3); yet no one could accuse either of them of being weak.

The meek Christian does not throw his weight around or assert himself. Just as wisdom is the right use of knowledge, so meekness is the right use of authority and power.

TEMPERANCE, (self-control), a moderation in the indulgence of the appetites and passions. The last fruit looks to oneself, temperance, or self-control. It implies not only abstinence from injurious drinks and food, but control of the temper, the tongue, the desires, the passion for money or power.

The fruits named are not our fruits, but of the Spirit in us. If we bear these fruits we show that we have the Spirit.

The cultivation of the fruit is important that there must be a right atmosphere before the fruit will grow just as fruit cannot grow in every climate, so the fruit of the Spirit cannot grow in every individual's life or in every church.

Fruit grows in a climate blessed with an abundance of the Spirit and the Word. "Walk in the Spirit" (Gal 5:25) means "keep in step with the Spirit" - not to run ahead and not to lag behind. This involves the Word, prayer, worship, praise, and fellowship with God's people.

It also means "pulling out the weeds" so that the seed of the Word can take root and bear fruit. The Judaizers were anxious for praise and "vainglory," and this led to competition and division. Fruit can never grow in that kind of an atmosphere.

GALATIANS 5:24

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

GALATIANS 5:25

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

EPHESIANS 5:8

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

EPHESIANS 5:9

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

EPHESIANS 5:10

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

DID BRO. BRANHAM TEACH THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT WASN'T NECESSARY?

SOULS. THAT. ARE. IN. PRISON. NOW_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-22
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335 Let me give you the fruit of the Spirit, between Jesus and the Pharisees, see which one had the fruit of the Spirit.

What if I stood, as I started to say a while ago, against Christ now for a minute? God forgive me for even saying it, see, but just to show you something.

SOULS. THAT. ARE. IN. PRISON. NOW_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-22
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336 What if I come to you and say, "Say, you congregation, who is your friend? Who shows the fruit of the Spirit? Your kind old priest. Who comes to you in the hospital when you're sick? Your gentle old priest.

That's right. Who is it that always loans you some money when you're up against it, in a tight place? You members of his congregation, don't you go to your kind old priest and he loans you money? See? Who is it that's always loving and kind, and showing the fruit of the Spirit? Your kind old priest.

337 "Who is it that studied for years and years, in the synagogues down here, where his great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather come from, all the way down?

Who is it studied and got. . . worked hard and got doctor's degrees and PhD's and LLD's, to know this Word, and stand here and deliver it to you every Sunday morning in his congregation? Your kind old priest.

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338 "Who is this renegade, called, 'Jesus'? What school did He come from? What school is He out of? Where is His fellowship card? What organization does He belong to?

339 "What does he do when you all have a family argument? Who comes to you? Your kind old priest, to try to. And you have an argument against this neighbor over here, and your kind old priest comes and makes you up. Said, 'You all are children of God. You shouldn't do that. ' That's what he.

340 "What's this Jesus of Nazareth does? Tears the thing up. What does He do? Lambaste your organization. What does He do? Called your priest a 'blind leader of the blind. ' He called him a 'snake in the grass. ' He took the sacrifice that God ordained,

and kicked the tables over, and threwed the money out, and looked upon them with anger. Did you ever see your priest look like that?" Now where is the fruit of the Spirit? Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

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341 Not by speaking in tongues. Not by dancing in the Spirit. Not by joining church. Not by fruit of the Spirit; Christian Science can out-smother any of you on that, see, and deny even Jesus Christ was Divine. Not that.

342 But it's the Word, living! There it is. If they'd have only looked, He was Messiah. He was the living Word, made manifest.

343 And a man that's got the Spirit of God in him, or a woman, lives that Word, lives right out in them. That's the heart beat, the predestinated, for the Word of the Lord comes to them, and they are the Word to the people. "Written epistles read of all men. " Is that right? Could the Third Pull be on?

MATTHEW 7:17

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

The similarity between the fruit and the nature of the tree extends not only to the species, but also to the specimen. Good

tree (dendron agaon); intrinsically sound. Good fruit (karpouV); attractive in the eyes of men.

As is the inner character of the tree, so is the obvious nature of the fruit. But a corrupt tree (to de saprondron); "the" picturing it. Corrupt; unsound, rotten, worthless; also in the moral world.

MATTHEW 7:18

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

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141 What has this Jesus of Nazareth done? Kicked over his tables; took some leather and plaid it together, beat them priests out of there; and called your kind, old priest, 'a snake in the grass; a hyprocrite'!"

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142 Now you call that fruit of the Spirit? Certainly not. Then where is your fruit of the Spirit landing up at? No more than you think of compassions, and Him going through a multitude of people there,

multitudes laying, blind, crippled, afflicted, withered, halt, lame, and never healed any of them; full of compassion. People with a carnal mind will never know It.

Seminaries don't teach It. It's a revelation. Certainly. Fruit of the Spirit drops off there, doesn't it? Them priests had ten times the fruit of the Spirit.....

JOHN 2:14

14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:

JOHN 2:15

15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;

Of small cords. This whip was made as an emblem of authority, and also for the purpose of driving from the temple the cattle which had been brought there for sale. There is no evidence that he used any violence to the men engaged in that unhallowed traffic.

The original word implies that these cords were made of twisted rushes or reeds-- probably the ancient material for making ropes.

JOHN 2:16

16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.

JOHN 2:17

17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

This is recorded in Ps 69:9. Its meaning is, that he was affected with great zeal or concern for the pure worship of God.

The zeal of thine house. Zeal is intense ardour in reference to any object. The zeal of thine house means extraordinary concern for the temple of God; intense solicitude that the worship there should be pure, and such as God would approve.

Hath eaten me up. Hath absorbed me, or engaged my entire attention and affection; hath surpassed all other feelings,