

Fruit of the Spirit
Part 3

Authority over Your Heart

Overview: The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience (longsuffering, endurance, constancy), gentleness (kindness), goodness (loving-kindness, virtue), faith, humility (meekness) and self-control (discipline, moderation) Gal 5:22-23.

ABC Definition: Love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, **faith, humility, self-control.**

A. The Power of the Fruit of the Spirit (FOS)

1. The Veil to the Holy of Holies.

On the day of Jesus' death, the veil in the temple was torn, symbolically announcing that man now had direct access to God and no longer needed to go through a high priest.

2. The Veil of Your Heart.

Growing in the FOS parts the veil of your heart to give God access to all of your being.

3. Your heart, mind and words are gates/door which can release the anointing of God.

a) Spiritual Gates and Doors.

Psa 24:7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Psa 24:8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Psa 24:9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Psa 24:10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

B. Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit (FOS)

1. You start on the escalator with the pairing of love and control.

2. Move up the Escalator.

a) You get on by exercising discipline to do something for Jesus because you love Him.

b) Moving up comes from your humility to do things God's way, resulting in more joy.

3. Higher and higher.

a) You continue to move up the escalator with the pairing of peace and faith.

b) Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect **peace**, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusts (*has faith*) in thee.

c) Php 4:6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God (*and have the faith to believe that you have received*),

Php 4:7 And the **peace** of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

C. Growing in Peace.

1. He is the God of Peace. Peace is shalom: **nothing missing, nothing broken.**

Eph 5:25 ... Jesus gave himself for us (the church)

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, **not having spot, or wrinkle**, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

2. He has given us His peace.

Joh 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. *Speak it over yourself.*

3. Joh 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

4. Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
5. 2Pe 3:14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.
6. Partner with God to Grow in Peace.
 - a) Stay in the Kingdom of God.
Rom 14:17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
 - b) Eph 6:15 Have your feet shod with the **preparation** of the gospel of peace.
 - c) 2Pe 1:2 Grace & peace be multiplied to you thru the knowledge of God & of Jesus our Lord.
7. The Benefits of Peace.
 - a) Rom 16:20 And the God of Peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.
 - b) 1Th 5:23 And the very God of Peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be **preserved blameless** unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - c) Heb 13:20 Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
 - d) Heb 13:21 **make you perfect** in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

D. Growing in Faith.

1. Rom 12:3 God has given us the measure of faith.
2. Rom 10:17 Faith comes by hearing the Word of God and hearing by the Word of God.
3. Rom 10:9,10 Faith is confessing with your mouth and believing in your heart.
4. Mark 11:23 Faith is believing and not doubting in your heart.
5. Heb 11:1 Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen.
Amplified: Faith is the title deed of the things we hope for.
6. Matt 7:26,27 Faith is hearing and doing.
7. The Benefits of Faith.
Heb 11:6 Without faith, it is impossible to please God.
Heb 6:12 With faith and patience, you inherit all the promises.
Mar 9:23 Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believes.

E. Authority over Your Heart.

1. Mark 4:13-20 Your heart is a fertile soil, reproducing whatever you sow in it.
2. Pro 4:23 Guard your heart with all diligence for out of it flow all the issues of life.
3. Pro 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
Pro 3:6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
4. Heb 3:7,8 Your heart is controlled by your reaction to the Word of God.
Mark 5:36 As you believe, so you will receive. *In the NOJ, bind the mercy of God to your heart.*
5. Matt 12:34,35 As you hear the Word of God & act upon it, it becomes engrafted into your heart.
6. The Blessings of Controlling your Heart.
7. There are 765 verses referencing the heart; 456 for the spirit and 432 for the soul.
 - a) By believing in your heart, you receive salvation, healing, money, all blessings, etc.
 - b) Jam 1:21 The Word engrafted in your heart sets your soul free.
 - c) Rom 5:5 The love of God is shed abroad in your heart.
 - d) Eph 3:14-19 A heart of love results in your being filled with the fullness of God.
8. Live on the Escalator of the FOS.
 - a) 2 Cor 5:7 Be a person of faith. Walk by faith not by sight.
 - b) 1 Th 5:19 Eph 4:29,30 Stay under the anointing by maintaining joy, peace and patience.
 - c) Ps 1:2-3 Keep your sight fixed on the living Word of God.