

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 28

The Year of Harvest –Fruit of the Spirit – Goodness and Faithfulness

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

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: The very word “fruit” has the idea of a harvest. We have been looking at the fruit of the Spirit of God that should yield a harvest in our lives. The fruit of the Spirit is really the outworking of the character of God in the life of the believer. This week we look at the fruits of goodness and faithfulness. The word goodness in the greek is a word that implies action. This goodness is a fruit that expresses itself in action toward others. Goodness seeks to do good to others, and is not simply a passive self-centered goodness of character. This word is full of action, and that action may include rebuking and correcting when necessary. When Jesus cleansed the temple (Matthew 21:13), He was showing his goodness. This goodness is associated with good deeds, grace and benefiting others. How we need the church to display the fruit of goodness in our world in these days! The second fruit we want to look at this week is faithfulness. This word has its origin in the word faith, which is a steady confidence in God and His word. Hebrews 11:6 says it is impossible to please God without faith. Here this faith works itself out in the life of the believer as sincerity, fidelity, and being faithful in character. Paul talks about the faithfulness of God in Romans 3:3. Titus describes this as showing all good fidelity. This is faithfulness to a person, cause or belief that is demonstrated by continuing loyalty and support. The Holy Spirit produces in us a loyalty not only to God, but to one another. This again, is a fruit that is directed outward, toward God and toward other people. There are times when it may seem impossible to continue in faith...in the Bible, in God or in other people, but the Holy Spirit will produce that fidelity, that loyalty, that faithfulness in us as we yield ourselves to Him. He will produce in us goodness and faithfulness that will bless God and others.

Day 1: Today, look for Bible verses, and meditate on the meaning of goodness and faithfulness.

Day 2: Worship the Lord today that His Spirit will produce these fruits in your life as you yield to Him.

Day 3: Spend time today asking the Holy Spirit to show you if you are truly producing the fruits of goodness and faithfulness in your life.

Day 4: Pray that your family will be a family that demonstrates the fruits of goodness and faithfulness.

Day 5: Pray for these fruits to be a part of the lifestyle of the people of your church.

Day 6: Pray for other believers in your city to be demonstrating these fruits to other people in the city.

Day 7: Pray for missionaries to demonstrate to those they serve the fruits of goodness and faithfulness.