PPT The Fruit of Spiritual Peace

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are taken from the NKJV.

What kind of fruit are you producing in your life?

Matthew 7:17-20 "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you will know them."

- God refers to us as trees, and trees have a root system.
- We will be known by the fruit that we produce.

We are like trees planted by rivers of living water

Psalm 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;
But his delight is in the law of the Lord,
And in His law, he meditates day and night.
He shall be like a tree
Planted by the rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also shall not wither;
And whatever he does shall prosper."

We are trees planted in the house of the Lord

Psalm 92:12-14 "The [uncompromisingly] righteous shall flourish like the palm tree [be long-lived, stately, upright, useful, and fruitful]; they shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon [majestic, stable, durable, and incorruptible].

Planted in the house of the Lord, they shall flourish in the courts of our God. [Growing in grace] they shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap [of spiritual vitality] and [rich in the] verdure [of trust, love, and contentment]." (AMP)

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22 -23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

The fruit of the Spirit reveals God's nature. The gifts of the Spirit reveal God's power.

We are appointed to bear fruit

John 15:16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you."

How do we bear the fruit of the Spirit?

God is Spirit

John 4:24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

God's word is Spirit

John 6:63 "It is the Spirit that makes alive, the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit and are life."

John 6:63 "The Spirit can make life. Sheer muscle and willpower don't make anything happen. Every word I've spoken to you is a Spirit-word, and so it is life-making." (MSG)

Stay connected to Jesus

John 15:5, 7 "I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without Me.

If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it."

Fruit of spiritual Peace

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!"

How do we receive the fruit of peace?

Philippians 4:6-9

"There are three fundamental steps in acquiring peace in the place of worry that distresses the heart and mind."

Philippians 4:6-7 "Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus."

1. Pray about your problems with a thankful heart.

Philippians 4:8 "In conclusion, my friends, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable."

2. Replace your troubling thoughts with the right thoughts.

Philippians 4:9 "Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you."

3. Do what God commands through precept and practice. We must learn to obey what the Bible is telling us to do. Prayer must be followed by action.

The only way to receive the fruit of the spirit is from God. It will come the way he has designated it would.

Colossians 1:20 "Through the Son, then, God decided to bring the whole universe back to himself. God made peace through his Son's blood on the cross and so brought back to himself all things, both on earth and in heaven."