

The Fruit of Faith

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If people have a genuine, living faith, they will bear fruit.

"Bear fruits worthy of repentance." Matthew 3:8

1. They will avoid sinful behavior:

"The acts of the flesh are obvious; sexual immorality, impurity... idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition...envy, drunkenness...I warn you...that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."

Gal. 5:19-21

When we fail and fall into these ungodly acts, godly believers will have a strong allergic reaction. This is the conviction of sin.

The Spirit "will convict the world concerning sin." John 16:8

We need to repent when we have that conviction.

2. They will exhibit godly and Christ-like qualities.

"The fruit of the Spirit are:

+ Love

+ Joy

+ Peace

Consideration of God

+ Patience

+ Kindness

+ Goodness

Consideration of Others

+ Faithfulness

+ Gentleness

+ Self Control

Consideration of Self

Galatians 5:22-23

3. They will have a natural and spontaneously desire for the following:

+ Worship God

+ Love Others

+ Engage with God's Word

+ Meet with God's people

+ Pursue holiness

How can we gain or re-gain a passion for the above?

Only the Holy Spirit can accomplish this. But he does it through the Word, prayer, fellowship with believers and renewal.

How can a believer bear greater fruit?

1. Live a life of constant repentance.

2. Grow in intimacy with God through prayer and worship

3. Engage God's Word regularly

4. Pray for personal revival and renewal

5. Have accountability.

6. Attend John 17 and/or Alpha and or 3DM