

The Fruit of the Spirit



"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control. There is no law against such things."

Galatians 5:22-23

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Fruit of the Spirit Love

Definition: Undefeatable benevolence and unconquerable goodwill that always seeks the welfare and highest good of the other person. Demonstrated not only by feeling or impulse, but also by the action of obedience to the Word of God.

The Command To Love God With All Your Heart: Dt 6:5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. **Dt 13:3-4** God is testing you to find out if you really love Him with all your heart and with all your soul. Worship the Lord your God, fear Him, obey His commands, listen to what He says, serve Him, and be loyal to Him. **Js 22:5** Love the Lord, walk in all His ways, keep His commandments, hold fast to Him, and serve Him with all your heart and soul. **Mt 22:37** Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. **Lk 10:27** You shall love the Lord with all your heart, soul, strength, and...mind... **Dt 10:12** What does the Lord your God require of you but to walk in all His ways and to love Him. **Dt 11:1** You shall love the Lord and keep His commandments always. **Mk 12:33** To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself, this is far more important than any burnt offering or sacrifice.

The Command To Walk In Love: Jn 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **Jn 15:12-13** This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **Jn 15:17** These things I command you, that you love one another. **Ep 5:2** Walk in love, as Christ also loved us and gave Himself for us. **1Jn 3:18** Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. **1Jn 3:23** This is His commandment: that we should love one another. **1Jn 4:21** This commandment we have from Him: he who loves God must love his brother also. **Jde 1:21** Stay always within the boundaries where God's love can reach and bless you. **2Jn 1:5** Now I plead with you...love one another. **Mc 6:8** What does the Lord require but to...do justly...love mercy and walk humbly... **Lk 10:27** You shall love...your neighbor as yourself.

Love For God And His Word: Ps 18:1 I will love You, O Lord, my Strength. **Ps 26:8** Lord, I have loved Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells. **Ps 119:97-100** O how love I Your law! it is my meditation all the day. You through Your commandments have made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts. **Ps 119:113** I hate the double-minded, but I love Your law. **Ps 119:119** I love Your testimonies. **Ps 119:127-128** Since I love Your commands more than gold, even the purest gold, I carefully follow all Your precepts and hate every false way. **Ps 119:159** I love Your precepts; revive me. **Ps 119:163** I hate...lying, but I love Your law. **Ps 119:165** Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble. **Ps 119:167** My soul keeps Your testimonies, and I love them exceedingly.

Love Others As Ourselves: Lv 19:18 You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. **Lv 19:34** The stranger...you shall love him as yourself. **Dt 10:19** You should love foreigners,

because you were foreigners **Mt 22:39** You shall love your neighbor as yourself. **Rm 13:8-10** Owe no one anything except love...for he who loves another has fulfilled the law...Love does no harm to a neighbor; love is the fulfillment of the law. **Gl 5:13-14** Through love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled...in this...love your neighbor as yourself. **Jm 2:8** Fulfill the royal law...love your neighbor as yourself. **Mt 18:33** Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant.

Be Clothed In Love: Cl 3:14 The most important piece of clothing you must wear is love. Love is what binds us all together in perfect harmony. **Cl 3:14 (Amp)** And above all these [put on] love *and* enfold yourselves with the bond of perfectness [which binds everything together completely in ideal harmony]. **1Th 5:8** Putting on the breastplate of faith and love. **Cl 3:14 (Msg)** And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. **Gl 5:22** The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control. **Cl 3:14 (TEV)** And to all these qualities add love, which binds all things together in perfect unity. **Cl 3:14 (Phi)** And, above everything else, be truly loving, for love is the golden chain of all the virtues. **Tt 2:2** Be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love. **Cl 3:14 (Moff)** And above all you must be loving, for love is the link of the perfect life. **Cl 1:4** We heard of...your love for all the saints.

Pursue Love...The More Excellent Way: 1Co 14:1 (Mont) Hotly pursue love, make love your aim. **1Co 14:1 (Msg)** Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it—because it does. **1Co 16:14** Let all you do be done with love. **2Co 2:8** I urge you to reaffirm your love. **2Ti 2:22** Flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace. **Ph 1:7** In your love...the hearts of the saints have been refreshed. **1Jn 3:16** We know love, because He laid down His life for us...we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. **1Ti 4:12** Be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love. **1Ti 6:11** O man of God...pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love. **2Ti 1:7** God has not given us a spirit of fear, but power, love and sound mind. **2Ti 1:13** Remember to live in the faith and love that you have in Christ. **2Ti 3:10** You have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love. **2Co 5:14** For the love of Christ compels us. **1Co 14.1 (TLB)** Let love be your greatest aim. **1Co 14.1 (NLT)** Let love be your highest goal. **1Co 14:1 (Amp)** Eagerly pursue *and* seek to acquire [this] love, make it your aim, your great quest. **Sng 8:6-7** Love is as strong as death...many waters cannot quench love.

Love Builds Up The Body: Ep 4:15-16 Speaking the truth in love you may grow up in every way into Him. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. **Gl 5:6** What is important is faith expressing itself in love. **Ep 3:17-19** Being rooted and grounded in love, you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. **Ph 1:9** That your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings. **1Th 3:12** The Lord make you increase and abound in love to each other. **2Th 1:3** Your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other. **Pr 10:12** Love

covers all sins. **Pr 17:9** He who covers a transgression seeks love. **Ep 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her. **Tt 2:4** Admonish the young women to love their husbands (and) children. **1Co 8:1** Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. **1Co 8:1** While knowledge may make a man look big, it is only love that can make him grow to his full stature.

Love The Brethren: Rm 12:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another. **Ep 4:2** With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love. **Ph 2:1-2** Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. **1Th 5:13** Think highly of them and give them your wholehearted love because they are straining to help you. And remember, no quarreling among yourselves. **Ph 1:5** (*I am*) hearing of your love and faith, which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints. **Hb 6:10** For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love...in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. **Hb 10:24** Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. **Hb 13:1** Let brotherly love continue. **1Pe 1:22** Since you have...sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart. **1Pe 2:17** Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. **1Pe 3:8** Having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous. **1Pe 4:8** Above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins. **2Pe 1:5-8** Giving all diligence, add to your faith...brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. **1Jn 3:10-11** In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: whoever...does not love his brother. This is the message we have heard from the beginning that we must love one another. **1Jn 3:14** We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. **1Jn 4:7-8** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. **1Jn 4:20** If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

Love Makes Us Christlike: 1Co 13:4-7 Love is patient and kind...does not envy; does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth. **1Co 13:4-6 (Amp)** Love endures long *and* is patient and kind; love never is envious *nor* boils over with jealousy, is not boastful *or* vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) *and* does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights *or* its own way, *for* it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy *or* fretful *or* resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice *and* unrighteousness, but rejoices when right *and* truth prevail. **Ep 5:1-2** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.

Love Your Enemies: Lk 6:27 Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. **Lk 10:33** When he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds. **Mt 5:44**

Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who...persecute you.

Love Can Be Put To The Test: **2Co 8:8** I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love. **2Co 8:24** Show to them...the proof of your love. **2Co 12:15** I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I am loved. **Rm 14:15** If your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love.

Love Proved By Obeying The Word: **Jn 14:15** If you love Me, keep My Word. **Jn 14:21** He who keeps My Word loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him. **Jn 14:23-24** If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will...make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My Words. **Jn 15:10** If you keep My Word, you will abide in My love. **1Jn 2:5** Whoever keeps His Word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. **1Jn 5:2-3** We know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His Word. For this is the love of God, that we keep His Word. And His Word is not burdensome. **2Jn 1:6** This is love, that we walk according to His Word. **Ps 31:23** Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints! **Ps 97:10** You who love the Lord, hate evil!

Love Never Fails: **Rm 8:28** All things work together for good to those who love God, and are called according to His purpose. **Rm 8:35-39** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, or sword...yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him...For I am persuaded neither death, life, angels, principalities, powers, things present, things to come, height, depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **1Co 13:4-8 (Msg)** Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't force itself on others, isn't always "me first," doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, doesn't revel when others grovel, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end. Love never dies. **1Co 13:13** Now abide faith, hope...but the greatest of these is love. **1Th 1:3** Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope.

God's Love Perfects Us: **Jn 15:9** As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. **Jn 17:23** You have...loved them as You have loved Me. **Jn 17:26** The love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them. **Rm 5:5** The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. **1Th 4:9** You...are taught by God to love one another. **1Jn 4:9-10** The love of God was manifested to us, God sent His...Son into the world, that we might live through Him. This is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **1Jn 4:17-19** Love has been perfected in us...that we may have boldness in the day of judgment. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear...We love Him because He first loved us. **Cl 2:2 (The saints)** hearts...were encouraged, being knit together in love.

Love Can Grow Cold: Mt 24:12 Sin will be rampant, and the love of most will grow cold. **Rm 12:9** Let love be without hypocrisy. **1Jn 2:15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **Rv 2:4** I have this against you, that you have left your first love. **1Jn 3:17** Whoever has this world's goods, sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? **1Co 13:1-4** Though I speak with the tongues of...angels, but have not love, I have become...a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand everything, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. **Jde 1:21** Guard *and* keep yourselves in the love of God.

Blessings Of Loving God: Dt 11:13-14 If you earnestly obey to love the Lord and serve Him with all your heart; then I will give you the early rain and the latter rain. **Dt 11:22-25** Show love to the Lord by walking in His ways and clinging to Him. Wherever you set your feet, the land will be yours. No one will be able to stand against you. **Dt 30:6** Love the Lord with all your heart and with all your soul that you may live. **Dt 30:16** Love the Lord, walk in His ways, keep His commandments, that you may live and God will bless you. **Dt 30:20** Love the Lord, obey His voice, and cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days. **Nh 1:5** You keep covenant with those who love You. **Ps 5:11** Let those who love Your name be joyful in You. **Ps 91:14** Because he has set his love upon Me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high. **Ps 145:20** The Lord preserves all who love Him. **Sng 2:4** He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love. **Ep 6:24** Grace be with all who love Jesus Christ in sincerity. **Jm 1:12** He will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. **Jm 2:5** (*We are*) heirs of the kingdom, which He promised to those who love Him. **1Jn 4:16** We have...believed the love God has for us. God is love; he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Fruit of the Spirit Joy

Joy: to be glad, cheerful and bright. To rejoice and shine forth with a right relation with God. Perpetual delight and well being resulting from knowing and serving God. It is experienced by recognizing who God is and what He has done for the believer, especially the future prospect of Heaven and the gift of eternal life. Overflowing joy comes through an abiding relationship with Christ and through the fullness of the Holy Spirit. It is enjoyed the most by believers who live with a constant reality of the resurrected Christ. No matter how difficult the circumstance, the believer can experience exceeding great joy and consequently overwhelming strength, for the joy of the Lord is the believer's strength!

Exhortation to Rejoice: **Ps 32:11** Be glad in the Lord and rejoice...and shout for joy. **Ps 66:1** Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! **Ps 95:1-2** Oh come...Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation...Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. **Ps 98:6** Shout joyfully before the King. **Ps 100:1** Make a joyful shout to the Lord. **Ps 132:9** Let Your saints shout for joy. **Ps 149:5** Let the saints be joyful...let them sing aloud on their beds. **Rm 12:15** Rejoice with those who rejoice. **Ph 3:1** Rejoice in the Lord. **Ph 4:4** Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice! **1Th 5:16** Rejoice always. **Hb 3:18** I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. **Zp 3:14** Sing! Shout! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart. **Zc 9:9** Rejoice greatly! Shout! Behold, your King is coming to you. **Zc 2:10** Sing and rejoice...for I am coming and I will dwell in your midst. **Nh 8:10** Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.

Joy Believing God's Word: **Ps 119:111** Your testimonies...are the rejoicing of my heart. **Ps 119:14** I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, as much as in all riches. **Ps 119:162** I rejoice at Your Word as one who finds great treasure. **Jr 15:16** Your Words were found, and I ate them, and Your Word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart. **Jn 15:11** These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. **Hb 3:6** Hold fast the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end. **1Pe 1:8** Yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory. **Jn 16:24** Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. **Jn 17:13** I speak...that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. **Rm 15:13** God fill you with all joy and peace in believing. **Rm 5:11** We rejoice in God...through Whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Joy In The Holy Ghost: **Ac 13:52** The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. **Ac 2:28** You will make me full of joy in Your presence. **Rm 14:17** The Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. **Gl 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is...joy. **1Th 1:6** You...received the word...with joy of the Holy Spirit. **Cl 1:11** Strengthened with all might...with joy. **Is 29:19** The humble also shall increase their joy in the Lord. **Ps 21:6** You have made him exceedingly glad with Your presence. **Ps 4:7** You put gladness in my heart. **Ps 46:4** There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God. **Ps 30:11** You turned my mourning into dancing...and clothed me with gladness. **Hb 1:9**

God has anointed you with the oil of gladness. **Ps 16:11** In Your presence is fullness of joy. **Ps 46:4** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God.

Joy In A Restored Relationship With God: Lk 15:6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' **Lk 15:9** And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' **Lk 15:22-24** But the father said 'Quick, bring the best robe and put it on him, give him a ring for his hand and sandals for his feet, and bring the fatted calf, kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for my son here was dead and he has come to life, he was lost and he is found.' So they began to make merry.

Joy In The Midst Of Trials: Mt 5:11-12 When you are reviled and persecuted and lied about because you are my followers—wonderful! Be happy about it! Be very glad! for a tremendous reward awaits you up in Heaven. **Mt 5:12** Rejoice and be exceedingly glad...for so they persecuted the prophets. **Jn 16:22** You now have sorrow; but...your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you. **2Co 6:10** As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing. **2Co 7:4** I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation. **2Co 8:2** Through much trouble...their wonderful joy...overflowed in rich generosity. **Hb 12:2** Jesus...who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross. **Jm 1:2** Count it all joy when you fall into various trials.

Joy In The Reward Of Heaven: Mt 25:21 Well done...enter into the joy of your Lord. **Lk 10:20** Rejoice because your names are written in Heaven. **Jde 1:24** (God) is able...to present you faultless and blameless...with exceeding joy. **Rv 19:7** Let us be glad and rejoice...for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

Hearts Seeking God Rejoice: 1Ch 16:10 Let the hearts rejoice who seek the Lord! **Ps 40:16** Let all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You. **Ps 105:3** Let the hearts rejoice who seek the Lord! **Ps 149:2** Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let Zion be joyful in their King. **Sng 1:4** We will run after You and rejoice in You. **Ps 22:26** All who seek the Lord will praise Him. Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.

Rejoice In God's Salvation: Dt 32:43 Rejoice...for...He will provide atonement. **1Sm 2:1** I smile at my enemies, because I rejoice in Your salvation. **2Ch 6:41** Let Your priests...be clothed with salvation...let Your saints rejoice in goodness. **Nh 12:43** They...rejoiced, for God made them rejoice with great joy. **Ps 13:5** My heart shall rejoice and be in high spirits in Your salvation. **Ps 9:14** I will rejoice in Your salvation. **Ps 21:1** In Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! **Ps 35:9** My soul shall be joyful in the Lord; it shall rejoice in His salvation. **Is 12:3** With *(the ladle of)* joy draw from the wells of salvation. **Is 61:10** I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness. **Ac 16:34 (MLB)** *(the newly converted Philippian jailer)* was extremely happy, with all his loved ones, because they had believed in God. **Ac 16:34 (TLB)** How he *(the newly converted Philippian jailer)* and his household rejoiced because all were now believers! **Lk 24:52** And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem filled with mighty joy. **Ac 8:8** And there was great joy in that city. **Ac 15:3** They reported how the Gentiles had turned to God; this news brought great joy to

all the believers. **Lk 19:6** So Zacchaeus made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. **Ps 2:12** Oh the joy of all who take refuge in Him!

God Has Made Us Rejoice: Is 65:13-14 Behold, My servants shall rejoice...(and) sing for joy of heart. **Is 65:18** Be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, and a joy. **Jr 31:4** Again I will build you...and shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice. **Jr 31:13** I will turn their mourning to joy...and make them rejoice rather than sorrow. **Jr 33:11** The voice of joy and the voice of gladness (in the Church), for I will cause the captives to return. **Jl 2:21** Be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done marvelous things! **1Pe 1:8 (MLB)** In Him you have faith, though now you do not see Him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and Heavenly joy. **1Pe 1:8 (NLT)** You love Him, although you have not seen him, and you believe in Him, although you do not now see Him. So you rejoice with a great and glorious joy which words cannot express. **Ps 132:16** I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her saints shall shout aloud for joy. **Ac 2:28** You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.

The Sorrowful Finds Joy: Is 35:10 The ransomed of the Lord shall return with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, sorrow and sighing shall flee away. **Is 51:3** For the Lord will comfort Zion, He will comfort all her waste places...Joy and gladness will be found in it. **Is 52:9** Break forth into joy, sing...for the Lord has comforted His people, He has redeemed...(us). **Is 56:7** I will...make them joyful in My house of prayer. **Is 60:5** You shall become radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy. **Is 61:3** Console those who mourn...give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. **Jr 31:11-13** For the Lord has ransomed Jacob...from the hand of him who was stronger than he. And they shall come and sing out their joy...and beam with joy over the bounty of the Lord...Their soul shall be like a watered garden; they shall pine away no more. Then the virgin shall rejoice in the dance, and the young men and old shall be merry; I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and make them rejoice for their sorrow. **Jn 16:20-22** I am telling you the truth: you will cry and weep, but the world will be glad; you will be sad, but your sadness will turn into gladness. When a woman is about to give birth, she is sad because her hour of suffering has come; but when the baby is born, she forgets her suffering, because she is happy that a baby has been born into the world. That is how it is with you: now you are sad, but I will see you again, and your hearts will be filled with gladness, the kind of gladness that no one can take away from you. **Is 61:3 (TEV)** To give to those who mourn in Zion joy and gladness instead of grief, a song of praise instead of sorrow. **Is 61:3 (MSG)** To care for the needs of all who mourn in Zion, give them bouquets of roses instead of ashes, messages of joy instead of news of doom, a praising heart instead of a languid spirit.

God Restores Our Joy: Es 9:22 (God turns our) sorrow to joy (and our) mourning to a holiday. **Ps 30:5** Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. **Ps 51:8** Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. **Ps 51:12** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. **Ps 90:14** Satisfy us early with Your mercy, so we may rejoice and be glad all our days! **Ps 126:5-6** Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with

rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him. **Is 49:13** Sing! Be joyful! And break out in singing! For the Lord has comforted His people. **Is 62:5** As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. **Is 61:3 (GW)** He has sent Me (Jesus Christ) to provide for all those who grieve in Zion, to give them crowns instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of {tears of} grief, and clothes of praise instead of a spirit of weakness. They will be called Oaks of Righteousness, the Plantings of the Lord, so that He might display His glory.

Fruit of the Spirit Peace

Peace: The result of being reconciled to God. Possessing an inner calm, contentment and confidence no matter what the adverse circumstance be. It is to enjoy a deep sense of spiritual well-being and wholeness. It is the feeling of completeness and deep fulfillment. True peace does not come from the absence of trouble but from living in God's presence, resting in His care and trusting in His faithful love. It is not upset by the chaos, fear and anxiety of the world.

The God of Peace Give You Peace In Every Way: **2Th 3:16** Now may the Lord of Peace Himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. **Hb 13:20-21** Now may the God of Peace, Who is the Author and the Giver of peace...strengthen (complete, perfect) *and* make you what you ought to be *and* equip you with everything good that you may carry out His will... **1Th 5:23** Now may the God of Peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Es 10:3** For Mordecai (*type of the Holy Spirit*) sought the welfare of His people and spoke peace to all His people. **Is 26:3** You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You. **Is 26:12** O LORD, You will ordain peace for us... **Rm 15:33** May the God of Peace be with you all. Amen. **2Pe 1:2** May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. **2Jn 1:3** Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love. **Rm 1:7** To all those...loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Ps 29:11** May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace! **Ac 9:31** So the Church...had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

Only The God Of Peace Can Give Safety: **Ps 4:8** In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. **Pr 16:7** When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. **Lv 26:6** I will establish peace in the land that you may lie down to rest without anxiety. I will rid the country of ravenous beasts, and keep the sword of war from sweeping across your land. **Ps 91:1-7** He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the LORD, "my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with His pinions, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. **Ps 91:9-16** Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. For He

will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot. "Because he holds fast to Me in love, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he knows My Name. When he calls to Me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him My salvation."

Peace Comes Through Righteousness: Rm 14:17 For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. **Is 32:17-18** The effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. **2Ch15:15** And all Judah...had sworn with all their heart and had sought Him with their whole desire, and He was found by them, and the LORD gave them peace all around. **2Ch 14:5-7** He also took out of all the cities of Judah the high places...And the kingdom had peace under him. He built fortified cities in Judah, for the land had peace. He had no war in those years, for the LORD gave him peace. And he said to Judah, "Let us build these cities and surround them with walls and towers, gates and bars. The land is still ours, because we have sought the LORD our God. We have sought him, and He has given us peace on every side." So they built and prospered. **2Ch 20:30** So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet, for his God gave him peace all around. **Jb 11:15-19** Surely then you will lift up your face without blemish; you will be secure and will not fear. You will forget your misery; you will remember it as waters that have passed away. And your life will be brighter than the noonday; its darkness will be like the morning. And you will feel secure, because there is hope; you will look around and take your rest in security. You will lie down, and none will make you afraid... **Is 54:13** All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. **Rm 2:9-10** There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil...but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good. **Rm 5:1** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Ps 37:37** Mark the blameless and behold the upright, for there is a future for the man of peace.

Peace Comes When We Walk In Agreement With God And His Word: Jb 22:21 Agree with God, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you. **Ps 72:7** In (Messiah's) days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more! **Ps 85:8** Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly. **Pr 3:1** My son, do not forget My teaching, but let your heart keep My commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. **Is 48:18** Oh that you had paid attention to My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea. **Is 55:12** For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. **Is 60:17** Instead of bronze I will bring gold, and instead of iron I will bring silver; instead of wood, bronze, instead of stones, iron. I will make your overseers peace... **Ph 4:8-9** Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about

these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Seek Peace And Pursue It: Rm 14:19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual up-building. **Ps 34:14** Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. **Is 27:5** Lay hold of My protection, make peace with Me, make peace with Me. **Zc 8:16** These are the things that you shall do: speak the truth to one another; render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace. **Mk 9:50** Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another. **Zc 8:19** Therefore love truth and peace. **2Co 13:11** Rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. **Ep 4:3** Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **Ep 6:15** As shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. **1Th 5:13** Be at peace among yourselves. **2Ti 2:22** So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. **Hb 12:14** Strive for peace with everyone... **1Pe 3:10-11** Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. **2Pe 3:14** Be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

Prayer Kills Anxiety: Ph 4:6 Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance *and* in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **Mk 14:35 (Mace)** Then advancing a little further, he fell on the ground, and prayed, that this anxiety might pass from him. **Ps 86:7** In the day of my anxiety I call on Thee, for Thou wilt answer me. **Hs 7:14** They lie there sleepless with anxiety but won't ask My help... **1Pe 5:7 (GW)** Turn all your anxiety over to God because He cares for you. **1Pe 5:7** Throw all your anxiety upon Him, for His concern is about you. **1Ti 2:1-2** I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life. **1Pe 4:7** The end of all things is near, so keep your minds calm and sober for prayer.

Peace To The Wise, The Righteous And The Faithful: Pr 3:13-18 Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, and the one who gets understanding... Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called blessed. **Jm 3:17-18** But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. **Mt 10:19** But when they hand you over, have no anxiety how or what to say, for it will be given you in that hour what to say.

Peace Comes To The Strong In Faith And In The Word: Ps 119:165 Great peace have those who love Your law; nothing can make them stumble. **Gl 6:15-16** For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a New Creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them. **Rm 15:13** May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in

hope. **Ps 94:19 (NJB)** However great the anxiety of my heart, your consolations (*by Your Word*) soothe me. **Ps 94:19** When anxiety was great within me, your consolation (Word) brought joy to my soul. **Pr 12:25** Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, but an encouraging Word makes it glad.

Peace Comes To Those Full Of The Holy Spirit: Gl 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace... **Rm 8:6** For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. **Nm 6:26** The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **Nm 25:12** Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace. **Ps 127:2** It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread of anxious toil; for He gives to His beloved sleep. **Cl 3:15** And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. **Ep 5:18-19** And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord.

In Christ We Have Peace: 1Pe 5:14 Peace to all of you who are in Christ. **Lk 1:79** Jesus Christ came to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. **Jn 14:27** Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. **Jn 16:33** I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. **Mt 11:28-30** Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light." **Lk 24:36** Jesus Himself...said to them, "Peace to you!" **Jn 20:21** Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you. **Ac 10:36** Preaching Good News of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all). **Ep 2:14-15,17** For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. **Cl 1:20** And through Him to reconcile to Himself all things...making peace by the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him.

Don't Worry About The Necessities Of Life: 1Co 7:32 My desire is to have you free from all anxiety *and* distressing care... **Pr 15:16** Better a little with fear of the LORD than a great fortune with anxiety. **Lk 12:22-32** Don't worry about life, wondering what you are going to eat. And stop bothering about what clothes you will need. Life is much more important than food, and the body more important than clothes. Think of the ravens. They neither sow nor reap, and they have neither store nor barn, but God feeds them. And how much more valuable do you think you are than birds? Can any of you make himself an inch taller however much he worries about it? And if you can't manage a little thing like this, why do you worry about anything else? Think of the wild flowers, and how they neither work nor weave. Yet I tell you that Solomon in all his glory was never arrayed like one of

these. If God so clothes the grass, which flowers in the field today and is burnt in the stove tomorrow, is he not much more likely to clothe you, you little-faiths? You must not set your heart on what you eat or drink, nor must you live in a state of anxiety. The whole heathen world is busy about getting food and drink, and your Father knows well enough that you need such things. No, set your heart on His Kingdom, and your food and drink will come as a matter of course. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.

Sin Causes Anxiety: Ps 38:18 For I confess my iniquity; I am full of anxiety because of my sin. **Dt 28:65** You will find no peace anywhere, no place to call your own; the LORD will overwhelm you with anxiety, hopelessness, and despair. **Rm 2:9** Affliction and anxiety will be given to every human soul who does evil, to the Jew first and to the Greek as well. **Jr 49:23** The people...are worried and troubled because they have heard bad news. Anxiety rolls over them like a sea, and they cannot rest. **Pr 15:6** The earnings of the wicked are fraught with anxiety. **Is 48:22** "There is no peace," says the LORD, "for the wicked." **Is 57:20-21** But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked." **2Ch 15:5** In those times there was no peace to him who went out or to him who came in, for great disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands. **Jb 3:26** I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, but trouble comes. **Jr 8:15** We looked for peace, but no good came; for a time of healing, but behold, terror. **Lm 3:17** My soul is bereft of peace; I have forgotten what happiness is. **Ps 94:12** Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O LORD, and whom you teach out of your law. **Hb 12:11** For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. **Pr 29:17** Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart. **Is 57:18-19** I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, I will create the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the LORD, "and I will heal him.

Fruit of the Spirit Patience

Definition: Cheerful and hopeful endurance; fortitude, constancy. A continued perseverance with joy through trials and trouble. To remain steadfast; to hold out, to bear and put up with difficulties with a good attitude and joyful spirit. Waiting with a good attitude for your answer to arrive. Spiritual patience is an active, fighting endurance that, united with faith, confronts all trials and temptations with the attitude to conquer them. The patient person continues and keeps on continuing, and does not give in to hardships, difficulties, or opposition. He endures and he perseveres. He does not just start, but he always finishes, and finishes well.

Exhortation To Walk In Patience: **2Th 3:5** May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ. **Ps 40:1** I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry. **Hb 12:1** Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the race that is set before us. **1Tm 6:11** Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. **Tt 2:2** (Be) sound in the faith, and in the love and in the steadfastness and patience of Christ. **Ps 27:13-14** I would have lost heart, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord! **Ep 4:2** Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. **Rm 12:12** Be patient in trouble. **2Tm 2:24** Be patient with difficult people. **1Th 5:14** We exhort you...be patient with everyone.

Bearing Fruit Takes Patience: **Lk 8:15** But the ones that fell on good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience. **Jm 5:7-8 (Phi)** Be patient, my brothers, as you wait for the Lord to come. Look at the farmer quietly awaiting his precious harvest. See how he has to possess his soul in patience till the land has had the early and late rains. So must you be patient, resting your hearts on the ultimate certainty. The Lord's coming is very near. **Jm 5:7-8 (NLT)** You must be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who eagerly look for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They patiently wait for the precious harvest to ripen. You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near. **2Pe 1:6** Self-control leads to patient endurance, and patient endurance leads to godliness.

By Our Patience We Possess Our Promises: **Lk 21:19** By your patience possess ye your souls. **Hb 6:12** That you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. **Hb 6:15** After he had patiently endured, he obtained the

promise. **Jm 1:12** God blesses the people who patiently endure testing. Afterward they will receive the crown of life. **Rm 2:7** Eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality. **Rm 15:5** May the God who gives the power of patient endurance (steadfastness)...grant you to live in mutual harmony and full sympathy with each other. **Pr 16:32** It is better to be patient than powerful... **Ec 7:8** The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. **Rm 2:7** To those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, He will give eternal life. **2Ti 2:12** If we continue to endure, we shall also rule with him.

Be Patient In The Midst Of Your Trials: **Jm 1:3-4** The testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. **Rm 5:3-4 (Amp)** Let us also be full of joy now! Let us exult *and* triumph in our troubles *and* rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure *and* affliction *and* hardship produce patient *and* unswerving endurance. And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). **Rm 5:3-4 (Phi)** We can be full of joy here and now even in our trials and troubles. Taken in the right spirit these very things will give us patient endurance; this in turn will develop a mature character. **Rm 15:4** The Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises. **2Co 6:4** We patiently endure troubles and hardships and calamities of every kind. **2Tm 2:12** If we patiently endure pain, we shall also share His Kingship. **2Th 1:4** We boast of your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure. **2Th 1:4 (TLB)** We are happy...about your patience and complete faith in God, in spite of all the crushing troubles and hardships you are going through. **1Pe 2:20** When you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. **Rv 2:2-3** I (Jesus) know with absolute clearness your works and toil and...steadfast endurance and fortitude under trials, and you endured because of My Name and have not become weary. **Ps 62:1** I wait patiently for God to save me; I depend on Him alone.

Put On Patience As A Garment: **Cl 1:11** Strengthened with His glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need. **Cl 3:12** You must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. **2Tm 3:10** But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance. **2Th 3:5** May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ. **Gl 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience (forbearance), kindness, goodness, faithfulness. **Cl 1:11** Strengthened with all power...[to exercise] every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) with joy.

The Patient Soul Is Free Of Covetousness: **Ex 20:17** You shall not covet. **Pr 28:16** He who hates covetousness will prolong *his* days. **Lk 12:15** Beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses. **1Co 6:10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionists will inherit the kingdom of God. **Ep 5:3** But all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting

for saints. **Cl 3:5** Put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. **Hb 13:5** Let *your* conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. **Ps 106:13-15** (Israel) did not wait for His counsel, but had a wanton craving in the wilderness, and put God to the test in the desert. He gave them what they asked for, but sent a wasting disease among them.

Persevere and Don't Faint: Gl 6:9 Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. **1Co 15:58** Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. **Hb 3:14** For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end. **Hb 3:14 (HCSB)** For we have become companions of the Messiah if we hold firmly until the end the reality that we had at the start. **Rv 3:10** Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. **Jm 5:10-11** For examples of patience in suffering, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. Job is an example of a man who endured patiently. From his experience we see how the Lord's plan finally ended in good. **Hb 10:35-36** Do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord, no matter what happens. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised. **Rv 2:2-3** I (Jesus) know all the things you do. I have seen your hard work and your patient endurance... You have patiently suffered for Me without quitting. **Jm 5:11** You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the Lord's purpose and how He richly blessed him in the end. **Mt 24:13** He that shall persevere unto the end, shall be preserved. **Ac 14:22** They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith. **Rv 3:10** Because you kept My Word in passionate patience, I'll keep you safe in the time of testing...

Wait For The Lord: Mc 7:7 I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. **Ps 52:9** I will wait on, hope in *and* expect in Your Name, for it is good. **Jb 35:14** Though you say you do not see Him, yet...you must wait for Him. **Ps 59:9** I will wait for You, O You my Strength. **Ps 130:5** I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. **Is 30:18 (Amp)** The Lord will wait that He may be gracious to you; therefore He lifts Himself up that He may have mercy on you...Blessed *are* all those who wait for Him, who expect and look and long for Him (for His victory, His favor, His love, His peace, His joy, His matchless, unbroken companionship). **Is 49:23** I *am* the Lord, for they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me. **Lm 3:25** The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul *who* seeks Him. **Ps 37:7** Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him. **Ps 37:7 (TEV)** Be patient and wait for the Lord to act; don't be worried about those who prosper or those who succeed in their evil plans. **Ps 37:7 (GW)** Surrender yourself to the Lord, and wait patiently for him. **Hb 2:3** The vision has its own appointed hour, it ripens, it will flower; if it be long then wait; for it is sure, and it will not be late.

Fruit of the Spirit Kindness

Kindness: It is helpfulness to others prompted by a personal experience of God's redemptive love. It is goodness in action, expressing itself in benevolent deeds. It is mildness of temper, calmness of spirit, an unruffled disposition that treats all with politeness and gentleness. Kindness takes the initiative in responding to other people's needs. It is useful and helpful, gentle and sweet, considerate and gracious through all situations, no matter the circumstances. It is merciful. A person who is kind does not act hard, indifferent, harsh, mean, unconcerned, too busy or bitter.

Commandment To Be Kind: Ep 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ. **Cl 3:12** Since you have been chosen by God who has given you this new kind of life, and because of His deep love and concern for you, you should practice tenderhearted mercy and kindness to others. **Ph 2:4** Everyone should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. **Zc 7:9** Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another. **2Pe 1:7** And to your service for God, add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ... **2Co 6:4** As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, by purity, by knowledge, by patience, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love. **Rm 12:10** Show family affection to one another with brotherly love. Outdo one another in showing honor. **Lk 6:36** Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. **Tt 3:2** Be gentle, and show perfect courtesy toward all people. **Lk 6:27,28** Love your enemies, do what is good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. **Tt 3:2** Don't say cruel things or argue...be gentle and kind to everyone. **1Jn 4:21** This commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. **1Th 5:15** See to it that no one repays evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all.

Benevolent Love In Action: Is 58:6-8 Isn't the fast I choose to break the chains of wickedness, to untie the ropes of the yoke, to set the oppressed free, and to tear off every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, to bring the poor and homeless into your house, to clothe the naked when you see him, and not to ignore your own flesh and blood? **1Co 13:4-5** Love is very patient, very kind. Love knows no jealousy; love makes no parade, gives itself no airs, is never rude, never selfish, never irritated, never resentful. **Hb 13:16** Don't neglect to do what is good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices. **Jm 1:27** Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress... **2Co 1:4** He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort

we ourselves receive from God. **Rt 2:15** Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not.

As Christians We Must Help The Weak And Needy: Rm 15:1 Now we who are strong have an obligation to bear the weaknesses of those without strength, and not to please ourselves. **Ac 20:35** I have shown you that by working hard we must help the weak... **Lk 6:30** Give to everyone who begs from you... **Jb 4:3,4** Indeed, you have instructed many and have strengthened weak hands. Your words have steadied the one who was stumbling and braced the knees that were buckling. **Lv 25:35-37,38,43** If your brother becomes destitute and cannot sustain himself among you, you are to support him...so that he can continue to live among you. Do not profit...from him, but fear your God and let your brother live among you. I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the *promise* land and to be your God. You are not to rule over them harshly but fear your God. **Dt 15:13-15** When you set *your brother* free, do not send him away empty-handed. Give generously to him...whatever the LORD your God has blessed you with. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you... **Dt 22:4** If you see your brother's donkey fallen down on the road, you must not ignore it; you must help him lift it up. **Jb 29:12,13,15-17** I rescued the poor man who cried out for help, and the fatherless child who had no one to support him. The dying man blessed me, and I made the widow's heart rejoice...I was eyes to the blind and feet to the lame. I was a father to the needy, and I examined the case of the stranger. I shattered the fangs of the unjust and snatched the prey from his teeth. **Jm 2:15,16** If a brother...is without clothes and lacks daily food and you say to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but you don't give them what the body needs, what good is it?

Sow Kindness, Reap Kindness And Blessings: Pr 19:17 When you help the poor you are lending to the Lord—and He pays wonderful interest on your loan! **Pr 11:17** The merciful man does good to his own soul. **Pr 28:8** Whoever increases his wealth through excessive interest collects it for one who is kind to the poor. **Pr 14:21** Blessed is he who is generous to the poor. **Ps 112:5-9** Good will comes to a man who lends generously...He will never be shaken...He will not fear bad news; his heart is confident, trusting in the LORD. His heart is assured; he will not fear. In the end he will look in triumph on his foes. He distributes freely to the poor; his righteousness endures forever. His horn will be exalted in honor. **Mt 7:12** Therefore, whatever you want others to do for you, do also the same for them—this is the Law and the Prophets. **Pr 19:17** Kindness to the poor is a loan to the LORD, and He will give a reward to the lender. **Pr 11:24-26** One person gives freely, yet gains more; another withholds what is right, only to become poor. A generous person will be enriched, and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water. **Rt 1:8** The Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead, and with me. **Pr 11:17** A man who is kind benefits himself, but a cruel man hurts himself. **Pr 28:27** Be generous to the poor—you'll never go hungry; shut your eyes to their needs, and run a gauntlet of curses.

Kindness Refreshes The Saints: Ph 1:7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love...because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. **2Co 7:13** We are

comforted...and rejoiced still more at the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all. **Ph 1:20** Refresh my heart in Christ. **2Ti 1:16-17** May the Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me. **1Co 16:18** For they refreshed my spirit as well as yours. Give recognition to such people. **Rt 2:13** You have been so kind to me, for you have comforted and encouraged your servant.

To Be Kind Honors God: Pr 14:31 The one who oppresses the poor person insults his Maker, but one who is kind to the needy honors Him. **Pr 17:5** By insulting the poor, you insult your Creator. You will be punished if you make fun of someone in trouble. **Mt 9:13** I desire mercy and not sacrifice. **Gl 5:22** But the fruit of the Spirit is...kindness. **Hb 13:16** Don't forget to do good things for others and to share what you have with them. These are the kinds of sacrifices that please God. **1Ti 6:11** But you, man of God...Pursue what God approves of: a godly life, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. **Mt 5:43-46** Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father in Heaven. For He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.

The LORD Is Kind: Hs 11:4 I led them with cords of kindness, with the bands of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. **Ps 145:8-9** The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and great in faithful love. The LORD is good to everyone; His compassion rests on all He has made. **Ps 86:5** For You, Lord, are kind and ready to forgive, rich in faithful love to all who call on You. **Ps 86:15** But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. **Mt 14:14-18** Jesus saw a huge crowd, felt compassion for them, and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples...said, "This place is a wilderness, and it is already late. Send the crowds away so they can go...and buy food for themselves." "They don't need to go away," Jesus told them. "You give them something to eat." "But we only have five loaves and two fish here," they said to Him. He said "Bring them here to Me." **Mt 18:25-27** But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold...and payment to be made. The servant therefore fell down...saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

Jesus' Kindness Saved Us: Rm 5:8 God commends His love toward us...while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **Rm 2:4** Do you underestimate His wealth of kindness...unmindful that God's kindness is meant to lead you toward repentance? **Ep 2:7** That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ. **1Pe 2:24** Christ bore our sins in His body on the tree...you have been healed by His wounds. **Is 53:4-7** Christ bore our sicknesses, and carried our pains... He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds... **Mk 8:2-3** I have compassion on the crowd, because they've already stayed with Me three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way home. **Rm 11:22** God is both kind and severe. He is...very good to you if you continue to love and trust

Him... **Tt 3:4-7** But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us...according to His own mercy...

Be Kind: Mc 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? **Ep 5:1-2** Imitate God, since you are the children He loves. Live in love as Christ also loved us... **1Jn 3:16** This is how we have come to know love: He laid down His life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers. **1Th 5:14** Comfort the discouraged, help the weak, be patient with everyone. See to it that no one repays evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all. **Pr 25:21** If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. **2Ti 2:24** You must be kind to everyone... **Jd 1:21,22** Keep yourselves in the love of God. Have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire... **Lk 10:30-35** A man...fell into the hands of robbers...leaving him half dead...but a Samaritan...came to him, and...had compassion. He went over to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on olive oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. **Rm 12:13-15** Distribute to the necessity of saints; be given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. **Hb 13:3** Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; *and* them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the Body. **Gl 2:10** We should remember the poor... **Rm 12:21** Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. **1Pe 3:9** Don't pay people back with evil for the evil they do to you, or ridicule those who ridicule you. Instead, bless them, because you were called to inherit a blessing. **1Th 5:15** Always try to do what is good for each other and everyone else. **1Pe 3:8** Be sympathetic, love each other, have compassion, and be humble. **Mt 18:33** You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you implored me. Ought not you also to have had pity on your fellow slave, just as I had pity on you?

Great Blessings To The Kindhearted: Ps 41:1-3 Happy is one who cares for the poor; the LORD will save him in a day of adversity. The LORD will keep him and preserve him; he will be blessed. You will not give him over to the desire of his enemies. The LORD will sustain him on his sickbed; You will heal him on the bed where he lies. **Mt 10:42** Whoever gives just a cup of cold water to one of these little ones...I assure you: He will never lose his reward! **Mt 5:7** The merciful are blessed, for they will be shown mercy. **Pr 11:17** A kind man benefits himself, but a cruel man brings disaster on himself. **Hb 6:10** God...will not forget your work and the love you showed for His Name when you served the saints—and continue to serve... **Mt 25:34-36** 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you took care of Me; I was in prison and you visited Me.' **Pr 14:21** Whoever shows kindness to the poor will be happy. **Pr 11:17** Your own soul is nourished when you are kind; it is destroyed when you are cruel. **Lk 6:35** But love your enemies, do what is good...expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. **Pr 25:21,22** If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; if he is thirsty, give him water to

drink: For...the LORD shall reward you. **1Pe 3:9** Don't repay evil for evil. Don't snap back at those who say unkind things about you. Instead, pray for God's help for them, for we are to be kind to others, and God will bless us for it.

Never Be Unkind: Zc 7:10 Let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. **Jb 31:16-22** If I have refused the wishes of the poor or let the widow's eyes go blind, if I have eaten alone without letting the fatherless eat any of it, if I have seen anyone dying for lack of clothing or a needy person without a cloak...then let...my arm be pulled from its socket. **1Jn 3:17,18** Whoso has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his *compassion* from him, how dwells the love of God in him? Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. **Pr 9:12** If you are rude and show no respect, you are the one who will suffer. **Ep 4:31** Let all bitter, sharp and angry feelings, and noise, and evil words, be put away from you, with all unkind acts. **Cl 3:8** But now you must quit being angry, hateful, and evil. You must no longer say insulting or cruel things about others. **Jm 3:16-17** When people are selfish, they cause trouble and do all sorts of cruel things. But the wisdom that comes from above leads us to be pure, friendly, gentle, sensible, kind, helpful, genuine, and sincere. **1Pe 2:1** So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. **Pr 15:1** A gentle answer will calm a person...but an unkind answer will cause more anger.

Fruit of the Spirit Goodness

Definition: Moral excellence; acts of kindness and generosity; benevolent activity on behalf of another. Living a life of blessing others. Loving people not only in word, but in deed and truth.

Gn 12:2 I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing to others.

Mt 5:16 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your **GOOD WORKS**, and glorify your Father.

Ep 2:10 For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the **GOOD THINGS** He planned for us long ago.

Cl 1:10 Live worthy of the Lord, aiming to please Him in every way as you produce every kind of **GOOD WORK** and grow by knowing your God better.

Mt 12:35 A **GOOD MAN** out of the **GOOD TREASURE** of his heart brings forth **GOOD THINGS**.

Hb 13:20-21 Now may...God...make you complete in every **GOOD WORK** to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ.

Rm 12:10,11,13 In brotherly love be affectionate to one another, in personal honors put one another to the fore, never slack in earnestness, always on fire with the spirit, always serving the Lord, always supplying the needs of God's people, ever practicing hospitality.

1Jn 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and truth.

Hb 10:24 Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to **GOOD WORKS**.

2Tm 2:20-21 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every **GOOD WORK**.

Tt 2:7 In all things showing yourself a pattern of **GOOD WORKS** showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility.

Tt 2:14 He...redeemed us from every lawless deed and purified for Himself His own special people, zealous for **GOOD WORKS**.

Tt 3:8 Affirm constantly that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain **GOOD WORKS**.

Tt 3:14 Let our people also learn to maintain **GOOD WORKS**, to meet urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

Hb 6:10 God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints and do minister.

2Th 2:17 (May the Lord Jesus) encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every **GOOD DEED** and word.

1Tm 6:18 Let them do **GOOD**, that they be rich in **GOOD WORKS**, ready to give, willing to share.

Lk 6:27 Love your enemies. Do **GOOD** to those who hate you.

1Pe 2:12 Having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that they may, by your **GOOD WORKS** which they observe, glorify God.

Rm 15:14 I am convinced that you are full of **GOODNESS**, amply furnished with knowledge, and competent to advise one another.

Ep 5:9 Live and act as sons of Light—for the effect of the Light is seen in every kind of **GOODNESS**, uprightness and truth—

Hb 13:16 Do not forget to do **GOOD** to others, and share with them, because such sacrifices please God.

2Th 1:11 God make you worthy of your calling, and fulfill mightily every desire of **GOODNESS** and effort of faith.

1Pe 2:15 For this is the will of God, that by doing **GOOD** you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

3Jn 1:11 Never imitate evil, but imitate **GOOD**. The person who does **GOOD** is from God. The person who does evil has never seen God.

1Th 5:15 Be sure that no one repays a bad turn with a bad turn; **GOOD** should be your objective always, among yourselves and the world at large.

1Th 2:12 (TLB) Your daily lives should not embarrass God but bring joy to him who invited you into his Kingdom to share his glory.

1Th 2:12 (MLB) Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the God who is calling you into His own kingdom and glory.

1Tm 6:11 Set your heart not on riches, but on **GOODNESS**, Christ-likeness, faith, love, patience and humility.

Tt 2:10 (*We*) must show (*ourselves to be*) always **GOOD** and faithful, so as to bring credit to the teaching about God our Savior.

Ps 34:14 (MLB) Turn away from evil and practice **GOOD**; seek peace and keep after it.

A PRAYER FOR GOODNESS

Father, thank You for Your great goodness to me. I know that in my flesh dwells no good thing; but by Your grace You have made me a new creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works which glorify Your Name. Thank You for Your Redeeming Blood, by which You have ransomed me out of a life of slavery to sin and selfishness, and have made me an outstanding blessing to my world.

Oh Lord, today, by Your great grace, help me to do good, even as You are good. Constantly work in me those Christ-like qualities which are so pleasing in Your sight. Make me perfect in every good word and work, faithfully doing Your will. Teach me to prize highly that which is noble, honorable and valuable. Help me always to be zealous

for the superb and the praise-worthy. Keep me from the base and worthless things of the flesh that are beneath my position as a redeemed son of God and saint. With my whole heart I cleave to that which is morally excellent and well-pleasing to You. I determine to be the faithful Body of Christ, always maintaining a pattern of good works that bring blessing and salvation to my world.

I declare today that I am a vessel unto honor, set apart and ready for Your use, prepared for every good work. With both hands upon the plow of the Kingdom of God, I make full proof of my salvation, confidently looking forward to the day I stand before You.

Today I set my heart upon living a truly good life, dedicated to the blessing of others, eager to fulfill my calling, ready to do the good works of Christ! I do not seek my own well-being, nor do I consider my own needs as primary. I renounce the covetous spirit of this world, hating even the garments spotted by the flesh.

I declare that out of the good treasure of my heart I bring forth good things; and because I sow goodness I shall also reap goodness. No good thing will You withhold from me, because I walk uprightly before You. Glory, honor, and peace are mine today because I continually work for the good of God and man.

I determine never again to be overcome with evil, but by Christ's all-surpassing grace, to always overcome evil with good. As my Father in Heaven is perfect, so Holy Spirit, help me to be perfect also in this most precious fruit of Yours – Goodness. In Jesus Name Amen.

Fruit of the Spirit

Faithfulness

Faithfulness: *steadfast in affection or allegiance; loyalty, fidelity to one's own promises no matter how difficult the circumstances become or enemies in number or size. It is live at all times with sincerity and honesty of intentions. It is to be constant, trustworthy, dependability; always living a life of good faith toward all and especially toward God.*

God Commands Us To Live Faithfully Before Him: **Gn 17:1** I am El-Shaddai—'God Almighty.' Serve Me faithfully and live a blameless life. **Gn 17:9** You...are to be faithful to My promise (covenant). **Lv 22:31** You must faithfully keep all My commands by putting them into practice, for I am the Lord. **Dt 26:16** Today the Lord your God commands you to obey all His laws; so obey them faithfully with all your heart. **Dt 6:24** The Lord our God commanded us to obey (*His Word*) and to honor Him. If we do, He will always watch (*over us*) and keep (*us*) prosperous. **Lv 25:18,19** You shall faithfully keep My (*Word*), so that you may live securely. The land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live securely. **Pr 3:3** Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. **Jr 23:28** He who has My word, let him speak My Word faithfully.

Exhortation To Faithfulness: **Dt 18:13** Be completely faithful to the Lord. **Dt 10:20** Have reverence for the Lord your God and worship only Him. Remain faithful to Him and make your promises in His Name alone. **2Ch 19:9 (NAB)** You shall act faithfully and wholeheartedly in the fear of the Lord. **2Ch 19:9 (TEV)** Perform your duties in reverence for the Lord, faithfully obeying Him in everything you do. **Js 22:5** Only carefully obey the (*Word*)...to love the Lord your God, walk in all His ways, keep His commands, remain faithful to Him, and serve Him with all your heart and all your soul. **Js 23:8** Remain faithful to the Lord your God, as you have done to this day. **Js 24:14** Honor the Lord and serve Him sincerely and faithfully. **Ac 11:23** Remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose and firmness of heart. **Ac 11:23** Remain faithful to the Lord with heartfelt devotion and fixed resolve. **Ac 13:43** Urge them to remain faithful to the grace of God. **Ac 2:42** These remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to fellowship, breaking of bread and prayers. **Cl 1:23** You must...continue to be faithful on a firm and sure foundation. You must not allow yourselves to be shaken from (*your*) hope... **Dt 13:4** Follow the Lord and honor Him; obey Him and keep His commands; worship Him and remain faithful to Him. **Mc 6:8** Only this, do what is right, love loyalty and walk humbly with your God. **Ps 37:3** Trust the Lord, and do good things. Live in the land, and practice being faithful.

The Goodness And Mercy Of God Makes Us Faithful: **Ps 105:44-45** He gave them the lands complete with growing crops; they ate what others planted. This was done to make them

faithful and obedient to His laws. **1Co 7:25** As one much experienced in the mercy of the Master and loyal to Him all the way, you can trust my counsel. **1Co 7:25 (Amp)** As one who by the Lord's mercy is rendered trustworthy *and* faithful. **Mc 4:7** I will change those who are lame into a faithful people. **1Tm 1:12** How thankful I am to Christ for...giving me the strength to be faithful to Him. **Jr 3:22** Return, all of you who have turned away from the Lord; He will heal you and make you faithful. **1Chr 29:18** Keep devotion forever strong in Your people's hearts and keep them always faithful to You. **Ps 51:10** Create a clean heart in me, O God, and renew a faithful (*right, persevering and steadfast*) spirit within me. **2Tm 2:13** If we are faithless, He remains faithful -- for He cannot deny Himself. **Is 2:20** I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the Lord.

The Faithful Abound With Blessings: Pr 28:20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings. **Hg 2:4** (*God's people*) through loyal and steady believing are fully alive, really alive. They will live because they are faithful to God. **Mt 24:45-47** Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his master has set over his household, to give them their food at the proper time? Blessings on you if I return and find you faithfully doing your work! I will put such faithful ones in charge of everything I own! **Mt 25:21** Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master. **Dt 29:9** Obey faithfully all the terms of this covenant, so that you will be successful in everything you do. **Dt 30:20** Love the Lord your God, obey Him, and remain faithful to Him. For He is your life, and He will prolong your life. **Dt 1:36** Only Caleb will enter (*the promise land*). He has remained faithful to Me, and I will give him the land. **Js 14:14** Hebron still belongs to the descendants of Caleb because he faithfully obeyed the Lord. **1Sm 26:23** The Lord will reward any person who is righteous and faithful. **1Ki 3:6** You were extravagantly generous in love with David, and he lived faithfully in Your presence, his relationships were just and his heart right. **2Ki 18:6,7** He was devoted to Yahweh, never turning from Him, but keeping the commandments The Lord was with him, and wherever he went he prospered. **Ps 128:1** How blessed are all who fear Yahweh, who walk (*faithfully*) in His ways! **Pr 21:21** Whoever tries to live right and be loyal finds life, success, and honor. **Dt 7:12-15** If you...faithfully obey, the Lord your God will keep His covenant of unfailing love (*covenant love*) with you, as He promised with an oath...He will love you and bless you, and He will give you many children. He will give fertility to your land...you will have large harvests of grain and great herds of cattle...You will be blessed above all the nations of the earth. No people in the world will be as richly blessed as you. None of you will be sterile. And the Lord will protect you from all sickness. **Dt 8:1** Obey faithfully all the laws that I have given you today, so that you may live, increase in number, and occupy the land that the Lord promised to your ancestors. **Dt 12:28** Obey faithfully everything that I have commanded you, and all will go well for you, because you will be doing what is right and what pleases the Lord your God. **Dt 28:1-3** If you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all His commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. **Pr 19:22** Loyalty (faithfulness) makes a person attractive (giving him favor). **Jm 1:25** But he who looks carefully into the

law of liberty, and is faithful to it...shall be blessed in his doing. **Pr 15:6** The lives of God-loyal people flourish. **Ez 18:5** If a man does what is just and right and keeps My rules by acting faithfully—he is righteous; he shall surely live. **Ex 19:5** If you carefully obey Me and are faithful to the terms of My promise, then out of all the nations you will be My own special possession.

The Faithful Have God's Covenant Protection: 1Sa 2:9 He will guard the feet of His faithful ones. **1Sa 2:9** He protectively cares for His faithful friends, step by step. **2Sa 22:26** With the faithful You prove Yourself faithful. **1Ki 8:23** There is no God like You...keeping Your covenant of kindness with Your servants who are faithful to You with their whole heart. **2Ch 6:14** You keep Your covenant and show kindness to Your servants who are wholeheartedly faithful to You. **Nh 9:8** You found his heart faithful before You, and You made the covenant with him to give him the (*Promise*) Land. **Ps 31:23** The Lord preserves the faithful. **Ps 86:2** Protect me, because I am faithful to You. **Ps 145:18** The Lord is near...to every faithful person who prays to Him. **Ps 103:17** (*God's*) mercy and righteousness belongs to those who are faithful to His promise, to those who remember to follow His guiding principles. **Ps 37:28** The Lord...will not abandon His faithful ones. They are kept safe forever. **Ps 97:10** The Lord...protects the lives of the faithful, rescuing them from the wicked. **Ps 85:8** Surely the Lord will proclaim peace...to the faithful... Near indeed is salvation for the loyal. **Ps 32:6** Each of Your faithful ones prays to You in time of distress. Even if great floods overflow, they will never reach Your faithful ones. **Ps 34:22** The Lord redeems loyal servants. **Ps 86:2** Guard me, for I am faithful, save your servant who relies on You. You are my God, **Pr 2:8** (*God*) guards the paths of justice and protects the way of His loyal followers. **Jb 8:20** God will never abandon the faithful.

The Faithful Reign As Kings, Sitting Upon Thrones: Lk 19:17 Well done, excellent bond servant! Because you have been faithful *and* trustworthy in a very little thing...have authority over ten cities. **Lk 22:28-30 (TLB)** Because you have stood true to Me in these terrible days... I, here and now, grant you the right to eat at My table in that Kingdom; and you will sit on thrones. **Lk 22:28-30** You stood by Me faithfully in My trials; now I confer a kingdom on you...you will eat at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones and be seated like kings. **Pr 11:21** God's loyal people will triumph. **Dt 11:22-25** Obey faithfully everything that I have commanded you: Love the Lord your God, do everything He commands, and be faithful to Him...you will dispossess nations greater and more powerful than yourselves. Wherever the sole of your foot treads will be yours...No one will be able to resist you (*as you reign as kings in the earth*).

The Faithful Serve God Wholeheartedly: 1Sa 12:24 Only fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart. **Mc 4:5** We live honoring God, and are loyal to our God forever and ever. **2Ki 18:5-6** Hezekiah trusted in the Lord; not one of the kings of Judah was like him, either before him or after him. He remained faithful to Yahweh and did not turn from following Him but kept the commands the Lord. **1Ki 15:14** Although the pagan shrines were not removed, Asa's heart remained completely faithful to the Lord throughout his life. **2Chr 19:9** Do (your assignment) in the fear of the Lord, faithfully, with integrity *and* a blameless heart. **Ps 119:30** I have chosen the faithful way; I have placed Your ordinances *before me*.

Jdg 5:13 Then the faithful ones came down...they came to Him ready to fight. **Jdg 5:13 (NJB)** Israel marched down to the gates; like champions, Yahweh's people marched down to fight for Him! **Dt 33:9** They showed greater loyalty to You than to parents, brothers, or children. They obeyed Your commands and were faithful to Your covenant. **1Sa 2:35** I will choose a faithful priest (*Believer in Christ*) who shall do what I have in heart and mind...

The Faithful Can Pray Bold And Powerful Prayers: 2Ki 20:3 Remember now O Lord, how I walked before You faithfully and wholeheartedly and did what was pleasing in Your sight. **Nh 13:14** Remember me for this, my God, and don't erase the deeds of faithful love I have done for the House of my God and for its services. **Ps 116:16** Oh, God, here I am, Your servant, Your faithful servant: set me free for Your service! **Ps 86:2** Save me from death, because I am loyal to You; save me, for I am Your servant and I trust in You. **Ps 86:11** Teach me, Lord, what You want me to do, and I will obey You faithfully; teach me to serve You with complete devotion. **1Ki 8:61** May you be completely faithful to the Lord our God. May you always obey His commands. **Ps 4:3** Know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for Himself; the Lord will hear when I call to Him.

The Faithful Please God: Ps 147:11 The Lord takes pleasure in the devout (*those who are faithful to Him and His Word*). **Ps 16:3** How excellent are the Lord's faithful people! My greatest pleasure is to be with them. **Pr 12:22** Those who act faithfully are (*God's*) delight. **Pr 12:22 (TEV)** The Lord hates liars, but is pleased with those who keep their word. **Hs 6:6** I want your loyalty, not your sacrifices. I want you to know Me. **Dt 6:25** If we faithfully obey everything that God has commanded us, He will be pleased with us.

The Faithful Become Even More Faithful And Strong By Feeding Richly On The Word: Js 1:7-8 Only be strong and very courageous, faithfully doing everything in (*My*) teachings. Don't turn away from them. Then you will succeed wherever you go. Never stop reciting these teachings. You must think about them night and day so that you will faithfully do everything written in them. Only then will you prosper and succeed. **Dt 17:19** He is to keep this book near him and read from it all his life, so that he will learn to honor the Lord and to obey faithfully everything that is commanded in it. **Ps 119:138** You rightly instruct us in how to live ever faithful to You. **2Jn 1:9** But whoever stays with the teaching, stays faithful to both the Father and the Son. **Jn 8:31** You are truly My disciples if you remain faithful to My teachings. **Jn 12:35** Be faithful to the light (*of the Word*) that you have... **2Th 2:13** So stand firm, and hold on! Be loyal to the teachings passed on to you...

The Faithful Encourage The Saints And Bless People: Js 14:8 The men who went with me, however, made our people afraid. But I faithfully obeyed the Lord my God. **Js 22:3** For many years now you have not once abandoned your kinsmen, but have faithfully carried out the commands of the Lord, your God. **Pr 13:17** An unreliable messenger precipitates trouble, but a faithful envoy brings healing. **1Tm 4:12** Be an example for the faithful in word, in life, in love, in faith, in purity. **Tt 1:9** Holding fast to the faithful Message...so that he may be well qualified to encourage others. **Ph 1:5** I continue to hear of your love and of your loyal faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints. **Nh 13:13** I appointed managers over the storehouses...they were considered trustworthy, it being their responsibility to distribute to their brothers. **Pr 14:5** A faithful witness does not lie. **Pr**

25:13 A reliable messenger is refreshing to the one who sends him, like cold water in the heat of harvest time. **Pr 25:13** Like the cold of snow in time of harvest is a faithful messenger.

Christ - Our Example Of Faithfulness: Is 11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist. **Is 28:16** Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation. **Lm 3:23** Great is Your faithfulness. **Hb 3:1-2** Fix your thoughts upon Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession. How faithful He was to the God who appointed Him! **Hb 12:3-4** Think of what He went through; how He put up with so much hatred from sinners! So do not let yourselves become discouraged and give up. For in your struggle against sin you have not yet had to resist to the point of being killed.

Follow The Example Of The Faithful: Gl 3:9 The children of faith are blessed with Abraham the faithful. **Hb 3:5** Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant. **Jb 1:1** Job...worshiped God and was faithful to Him. He was a good man, careful not to do anything evil. **Jb 1:8** Did you notice my servant Job? There is no one on earth as faithful and good as he is. He worships Me and is careful not to do anything evil. **Jb 2:3** Did you notice my servant Job? There is no one on earth as faithful and good as he is. He worships Me and is careful not to do anything evil. You persuaded Me to let you attack him for no reason at all, but Job is still as faithful as ever. **Jb 2:9** His wife said to him, "You are still as faithful as ever, aren't you? Why don't you curse God and die?" **Jb 23:11-12** I follow faithfully the road He chooses, and never wander to either side. I always do what God commands; I follow His will, not my own desires. **Jm 5:11** What a gift life is to those who stay the course! You've heard of Job's staying power, and know how God brought it all together for him at the end. That's because God cares, cares right down to the last detail. **Dn 6:4** But they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. **Dn 6:16** May your God, whom you worship so faithfully, deliver you. **Dn 6:20** Daniel, servant of the living God! Has your God, whom you serve so faithfully, been able to save you from the lions? **Dn 11:32** But the people who are loyal to their God shall stand firm and take action.

The Hallmark Of A Christian Is His Faithfulness: Rv 14:12 The saints stand passionately patient, keeping God's commands, staying faithful to Jesus. **1Co 4:2** It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. **Pr 20:6** Many people declare themselves loyal, but who can find someone who is {really} trustworthy? **Pr 20:6 (RSV)** Many a man proclaims his own loyalty, but a faithful man who can find? **Pr 20:6 (TEV)** Everyone talks about how loyal and faithful he is, but just try to find someone who really is! **2Tm 2:2** The (Gospel) you heard transmit *and* entrust to reliable *and* faithful men who will be qualified to teach others also. **Gl 5:22** But what happens when we live God's way?...We develop a willingness to stick with things...We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments. **Ac 13:22** I have found a man loyal to Me, who will carry out all My will. **1Co 4:17** Timothy...my dear disciple, and a faithful Christian. **1Th 1:3** We think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have. **1Tm 1:12** (Christ) counted me faithful *and* trustworthy, appointing me to...the ministry. **1Tm 5:17** Let the elders who

perform the duties of their office well be considered doubly worthy of honor [and of adequate financial support], especially those who labor faithfully in preaching and teaching. **1Tm 3:11** Deaconesses likewise must be...faithful in all things. **3Jn 1:3** I was so happy when told how faithful you are to the truth—just as you always live in the truth. **Rv 17:14** He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings, and those with Him are called, chosen, and faithful. **2Co 11:2** To Christ I present you like a faithful bride to her one Husband.

Our Faithfulness Will Be Tested: Jm 1:12 Happy are those who remain faithful under trials, because when they succeed in passing such a test, they will receive the crown of Life as their reward... **2Co 10:6** After you have proved your complete loyalty, we will be ready to punish any act of disloyalty. **Rv 13:10** Anyone destined for prison will be taken to prison. Anyone destined to die...will die...This means that God's saints must endure persecution patiently and remain faithful. Such is the faithful endurance of the holy ones. **Rv 2:13** I know where you live, in the place where Satan is enthroned, and that you still hold firmly to My Name, and did not disown your faith in Me even when My faithful witness, Antipas, was killed among you, where Satan lives. **Rv 12:17** The dragon was furious with the (*church*) and went off to fight against...all those who obey God's Word and are faithful to the truth revealed by Jesus.

The Faithful Determine To Be Faithful Unto The End: Ps 119:30 I have chosen to be faithful; I have determined to live by Your regulations. **Ps 116:10** I stayed faithful, though bedeviled, and despite a ton of bad luck. **Pr 3:3** Don't lose your grip on love and loyalty. Tie them around your neck; carve their initials on your heart. **Is 26:13** Loyal to you alone, we invoke your name. **Rv 2:10** Fear not what you are about to suffer! Behold, the devil is indeed going to put some of you in prison, that you may be tested, and you will have persecution for ten days. Be faithful even unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. **Rv 6:9** I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been killed because they were faithful to the Word of God and to the Message they had received. **Rv 2:25** Only continue in your loyalty until I come. **Ph 2:25** Epaphroditus has been a comrade-in-arms. Hold men like him in highest honor, for his loyalty to Christ brought him very near death - he risked his life. **Hb 10:23** Let us hold firmly to an unflinching avowal of our hope, for He is faithful who gave us the promises. **Hb 3:14** If we are faithful to the end, trusting God...we will share in all that belongs to Christ.

The Faithful Can Be Counted On Even Under Difficult Circumstances: Tt 2:10 Prove (*ourselves*) truly loyal *and* entirely reliable *and* faithful. **Nh 7:2** I gave...Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he *was* a faithful man, and feared God above many. **2Ch 34:12** The men did the work faithfully. **2Chr 31:18** They were faithful keeping themselves holy. **2Ch 31:20** Hezekiah did what was good, right, and faithful before the Lord his God. **2Tm 2:3** Put up with your share of hardship as a loyal soldier in Christ's army. **1Tm 6:14** Keep (*your orders*) faithfully until the Day when our Lord Jesus Christ will appear. **2Ch 31:18** By their faithful service they were sanctifying themselves in this matter of the holy things. **2Ki 22:7** However, there was no accounting required of them...because they dealt faithfully. **Pr 13:17** A faithful ambassador brings healing. **Pr 19:22** Loyalty is desirable in a person. **Pr 14:5** A faithful witness will not lie. **2Co 6:7** We faithfully preach

the truth. God's power is working in us.

The Unfaithful Are Unreliable And Cannot Be Trusted: Pr 2:15 Unreliable people cannot be trusted. **Pr 25:19** Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint. **Jm 1:8** A man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute) is unstable *and* unreliable *and* uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides]. **2Ki 18:21** If you lean on Egypt (*trust in man*), it will be like a reed that splinters beneath your weight and pierces your hand. The king of Egypt, is completely unreliable! **Pr 13:17** An unreliable messenger precipitates trouble. **Jb 6:15** My brothers have proved as unreliable as a brook; (*they*) cannot be counted on. They are like streams that do not always flow...

The Unfaithful Will Be Punished And Perish: 1Chr 9:1 The people of Judah were captured and forced to go to Babylon, because they were not faithful to God. **1Chr 10:13** Saul died because he was not faithful to the Lord and did not obey the Lord. **Hb 8:9** Because they did not remain faithful to My covenant, I turned away from them and paid no attention to them. **1Chr 5:25-26** But they were not faithful to God. They took up with ungodly gods of whom God had gotten rid of before they arrived. So God stirred up the spirit of Assyria to take (*Israel*) into exile. They've been there ever since. **Is 7:9** If you don't remain faithful, you won't remain standing. **Pr 22:12** The Lord overthrows the words of the faithless. **Ps 7:16** They keep on turning away from me to a god that is powerless...They will die a violent death, and the Egyptians (*the world*) will laugh. **Mt 24:48-51** But if he should be a bad servant who says to himself, 'My master takes his time about returning', and should begin to beat his fellow-servants and eat and drink with drunkards, that servant's master will return suddenly and unexpectedly, and will punish him severely and send him off to share the penalty of the unfaithful - to his bitter sorrow and regret! **Jde 1:5** I want to remind you...that Jesus first rescued Israel from Egypt, but later He destroyed those who did not remain faithful. **Lk 12:47 (Amp)** And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act as he would wish him to act shall be beaten with many lashes. **Lk 12:47 (Msg)** The servant who knows what his master wants and ignores it, or insolently does whatever he pleases, will be thoroughly thrashed (*punished with a heavy whipping*)! **2Pe 2:21** For it would be better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment imparted to them. **Hb 6:4-6** For how can those who abandon their faith be brought back to repent again? They were once in God's light; tasted Heaven's gift and received the Holy Spirit; they knew from experience God's word is good, and they had felt the powers of the coming age. And then they abandoned their faith! It is impossible to bring them back to repent again...

Guard Against An Unfaithful Spirit: Jnh 2:8 Those who cling to worthless idols forsake faithful love. **Jdg 2:17** But they did not listen. They were not faithful to God but worshiped other gods instead...They quickly turned away and did not obey. **1Ki 11:4** In Solomon's old age, they turned his heart to worship other gods instead of being completely faithful to the Lord his God. **Ps 78:8,10** Their hearts were not loyal. Their spirits were not faithful to God. They had not been faithful to God's promise. They refused to follow His teachings. **Ps 78:37** Their hearts were not loyal to Him. They were not faithful to His promise. **Ps 78:57** Like their fathers they were disloyal and faithless, as unreliable as a faulty bow. **Mt 23:23**

You have neglected the weightier requirements of the Law—just judgment, mercy, and faithful dealing. These things you ought to have done, and yet you ought not to have left the others undone. **Lk 16:10-12** He who is faithful in the least is faithful also in much, while he who is unreliable in the least is unreliable in much also. Therefore if you have not been faithful in matters of unrighteous riches, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you are not reliable with what belongs to another, who will give you anything for your personal possession? **2Jn 1:9** if you wander beyond the teaching of Christ, you will leave God behind; while if you are loyal to Christ's teachings, you will have God too. **Jm 1:6,8** Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do. **Jm 4:8** Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. **Hs 6:4** O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud, and like the early dew it goes away.

Fruit of the Spirit Meekness

MEEKNESS: Power under control. A strong but gentle, reverent, and humble spirit of selfless devotion to God and submission to His purposes. The opposite of pride. Meekness does not refer to weakness or passivity but to controlled power, expressed by faith, obedience and a whole-hearted surrender to the Holy Spirit. It is a God-controlled person, who possesses a strong yet teachable spirit, with all the emotions and ability to take and conquer, but still is able to govern himself. The meek person rejects the attitude of self-sufficiency and superiority, but lives completely for God with no agendas other than to please Christ.

Jesus Our Example of Meekness/Humility: Mt 11:28-29 Come to Me, all of you who are weary and over-burdened, and I will give you rest! Put on My yoke and learn from Me. For I am meek and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. **Ps 86:15** But You are merciful and gentle, Lord, slow in getting angry, full of constant loving-kindness and of truth. **2Co 10:1** I, Paul, am pleading with you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ... **Is 40:11** He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young. **He 11:4** I drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love, and I was to them as those who take the yoke from their neck. I stooped and fed them. **Ph 2:5-9** Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:] Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, but stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being. And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross! Therefore [because He stooped so low] God has highly exalted Him and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. **Jn 13:14-17** If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. **Jn 5:30** I am able to do nothing from Myself [independently, of My own accord—but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders]. Even as I hear, I judge [I decide as I am bidden to decide. As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision], and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek *or* consult My own will [I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose] but only the will *and* pleasure of the Father Who sent Me. **Jn 5:19** Jesus answered...I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the Son is able to do nothing of Himself (of His own accord); but He is able to do only what He sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does is what the Son does in the same way [in His turn].

Meekness Personified in Jesus as the Lion and the Lamb: Jl 3:16 The Lord shouts...and the

earth and sky begin to shake. But to His people...the Lord will be very gentle. He is their Refuge and Strength. **1Pe 2:23** When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. **Zc 9:9** Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout aloud! Behold, your King comes to you; He is [uncompromisingly] just and having salvation [triumphant and victorious], patient, meek, lowly, and riding on a donkey... **Mk 11:11,15-16** And Jesus went into Jerusalem and entered the temple [enclosure]; and when He had looked around, surveying *and* observing everything, as it was already late, He went out to Bethany... And they came (*back the next morning*) to Jerusalem. And He went into the temple [area, the porches and courts] and began to drive out those who sold and bought in the temple area, and He overturned the [four-footed] tables of the money changers and the seats of those who dealt in doves; And He would not permit anyone to carry any household equipment through the temple enclosure [thus making the temple area a short-cut traffic lane]. **Mt 21:12,14** Then Jesus went into the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. Then the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them.

Meekness Enabled Jesus to Embrace and Overcome the Cross: **Lk 9:51** Now when the time was almost come for Jesus to be received up [to Heaven], He steadfastly *and* determinedly set His face to go to Jerusalem. **Is 53:7** Men were cruel to Him, but He was gentle and quiet; as a lamb taken to its death, and as a sheep before those who take her wool makes no sound, so He said not a word. **Is 42:2-4** He will not cry aloud or lift up His voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed He will not break, and a faintly burning wick He will not quench; He will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till He has established justice in the earth... **Mt 21:5** Behold, your King comes to you, meek, and sitting upon...a colt. **Mt 27:13, 14** Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly. **Mk 14:36** Abba, Father, all things *are* possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will. **Lk 23:46** Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!" And having said this he breathed his last. **Mt 26:52-54** Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place...Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?"

Great Examples of the Meek and Humble: **Nm 12:3** Moses was very meek (gentle, kind, and humble) above all the men on the face of the earth. **Mk 1:7** There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. **Jn 3:30** He must increase, but I must decrease. **1Ki 21:29** See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because He has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. **1Co 4:13** When evil things are said about us we give gentle answers... **2Ch 33:12-13** While in deep distress, Manasseh sought the LORD his God and sincerely humbled himself before...God... And when he prayed, the LORD listened to him and was moved by his request. So the LORD brought Manasseh back to Jerusalem and to his

Kingdom. **Ph 4:11-13** Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, there with to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.

Blessed Are the Meek, They Shall Inherit the Earth: Ps 37:11 The meek shall inherit the earth and delight themselves in abundant peace. **Mt 5:5** Blessed...are the meek (the mild, patient, long-suffering), for they shall inherit the earth! **Mt 5:3** Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. **Ps 22:26** The meek shall eat and be satisfied.

Live a Life Completely Clothed with Meekness and Humility: Cl 3:12 Be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. **Mt 23:11-12** The greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and He who humbles himself will be exalted. **Lk 9:48** For he who is least among you all is the one who is great. **Tt 3:2** Speak evil of none, do not be quarrelsome, but gentle, showing perfect meekness toward all (perfect courtesy toward all men). **1Ti 6:11** Aim at...gentleness and meekness. **Ep 4:2** Living as becomes you with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness)... **Cl 3:12** Clothe yourselves...by putting on behavior marked by...kind feelings, a lowly opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, [and] having the power to endure whatever comes... **1Ti 3:3** Not quickly moved to wrath or blows, but be gentle... **Tt 3:2** Slander no one, avoid fighting, and be kind, always showing meekness and mildness to all people. **Zp 2:3** Seek GOD, all you quietly disciplined people...Seek GOD's right ways. Seek a quiet and disciplined life. **1Pe 3:4** Live with the incorruptible [ornament] of a meek and quiet spirit, which in the sight of God is of great price. **Ph 4:4,5** ...Have a reputation for gentleness, and never forget the nearness of your Lord. Let all men know and perceive and recognize your unselfishness (your considerateness, your forbearing spirit).

Do All for Christ in The Spirit of Meekness and Humility: 2Ti 2:24 The servant of the Lord must not be quarrelsome (fighting and contending). Instead, he must be kind to everyone and mild-tempered [preserving the bond of peace]; He must be a skilled and suitable teacher, patient and forbearing and willing to suffer wrong. He must correct his opponents with courtesy and gentleness... **Gl 6:1** If a man be overtaken in a fault you who are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering yourself, lest you also be tempted. **Lk 17:10** So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' **Hb 5:2** Able to exercise gentleness and forbearance toward the ignorant and erring... **1Ti 3:3** Not combative but gentle and considerate, not quarrelsome but forbearing and peaceable... **1Pe 3:15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. **Mt 10:16** Be wise as snakes, as gentle as doves. **2Co 6:6** With pure heart, clear head, steady hand; in gentleness, holiness, and honest love minister. **2Ti 2:24** God's servant must not be argumentative, but a gentle listener and a teacher who keeps cool. **1Co 4:21** What do you wish? Shall I come to you with a rod, or with love in a spirit of gentleness?

God Resists The Proud But Gives Grace To The Humble: Jm 4:6 God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. **2Ki 22:19** Because your heart was tender, and you humbled

yourself before the LORD...and wept before me; I also have heard you, says the LORD. **Ps 147:6** The LORD lifts up the humble... **Ps 149:4** The LORD...will beautify the humble with salvation. **Pr 3:34** Surely He scorns the scorers: but He gives grace unto the lowly... **1Pe 5:5-6** Likewise, you younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yes, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time. **Ps 25:9 (ICB)** He shows those who are not proud how to do right. He teaches them His ways. **Ps 25:9 (TLB)** He will teach the ways that are right and best to those who humbly turn to Him.

Riches, Honor And Life Given To The Humble: Pr 22:4 The reward of a gentle spirit and the fear of the Lord is wealth and honor and life. **Pr 22:4** The reward of humility and the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is riches and honor and life. **Ps 149:4** For the LORD...adorns the humble with salvation. **Ps 147:6** The LORD lifts up and supports and brings relief the meek and humble... **Ps 147:6** The Lord defends those who are not proud... **Is 57:15** For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. **Is 29:19** The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD... **Pr 29:23** One's pride will bring him low, but he who is lowly in spirit will obtain honor.

Meekness Is Power Under Control: Cl 3:12 (BBE) As saints of God...let your behavior be marked by pity and mercy, kind feeling, a low opinion of yourselves, gentle ways, and a power of undergoing all things. **Pr 25:15** A gentle tongue can break a bone. **Pr 16:32** He who is slow to be angry is better than a man of war, and He who has control over his spirit than He who takes a town. **Lk 6:28-30** Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. **Pr 25:15** By long forbearance and calmness of spirit a judge or ruler is persuaded, and soft speech breaks down the most bonelike resistance. **Ec 10:4** ...Gentleness and calmness prevent or put a stop to great offenses. **1Ti 6:11** But as for you, O man of God, flee from all these things; aim at and pursue righteousness (right standing with God and true goodness), godliness (which is the loving fear of God and being Christlike), faith, love, steadfastness (patience), and gentleness of heart. **2Ti 1:7** For God did not give us a spirit of timidity (of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear), but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control.

The Meek Stay Free From Covetousness, Selfishness And Pride And Live Lives Completely Submitted To God: 1Co 6:12 All things are lawful for me; but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me; but I will not be brought under the power of any. **Pr 25:6** Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great. **Jr 45:5** And do you seek great things for yourself? Seek them not... **1Co 13:4** Love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil. **Pr 16:19** Better it is to have a gentle spirit with the poor, than to take part in the rewards of war with men of pride.

The Meek Have A Teachable Heart: Ps 25:9 The meek will He guide in judgment, and the meek will He teach His way. **Ps 27:11** Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain and even path because of my enemies. **Ps 86:11** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk *and* live in Your truth; direct *and* unite my heart [solely, reverently] to fear *and* honor Your name. **Ps 25:4-5** Show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth *and* faithfulness and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You [You only and altogether] do I wait [expectantly] all the day long. **Ps 43:3** O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling. **Ps 143:10** You are my God. Show me what You want me to do, and let Your gentle Spirit lead me in the right path. **Ps 25:12** Who is the man who reverently fears and worships the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way that He should choose. **Ps 119:12** Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes. **Ps 119:35** Make me go in the path of Your commandments, for in them do I delight. **Ps 119:173** Let Your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen Your precepts. **Rm 7:22** For I endorse and delight in the Law of God in my inmost self [with my new nature].

The Proud Will Fall But The Meek Will Be Exalted: Jm 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up. **Pr 11:2** When swelling and pride come, then emptiness and shame come also, but with the humble (those who are lowly, who have been pruned or chiseled by trial, and renounce self) are skillful and godly wisdom and soundness. **Lk 1:52** He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate. **1Pe 5:6** Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you. **1Co 10:12** Let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. **Pr 18:12** Before destruction the heart of man is full of pride, and before honor goes a gentle spirit. **Pr 29:23** A man's pride will be the cause of his fall, but he who has a gentle spirit will get honor. **2Sm 22:28** You save a humble people, but Your eyes are on the haughty to bring them down. **Ps 147:6** The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground. **Lk 14:10-11** When invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so your host may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all...For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. **Lk 18:13** But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted. **Lk 14:11 (Amp)** Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled (ranked below others who are honored or rewarded), and he who humbles himself (keeps a modest opinion of himself and behaves accordingly) will be exalted (elevated in rank). **Lk 14:11 (CEV)** If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honored. **Lk 14:11 (MLB)** Whoever makes himself prominent will be humbled, whoever humbles himself will be set high.

The Importance Of Being Meek: Mc 6:8 O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? **Pr 22:4** By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life. **Pr 15:1** A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs up wrath. **Pr 16:19** Better it is to be of a humble spirit with the meek than to divide the spoil with the proud. **Pr 16:32** He who is slow

to anger is better than the mighty, and He who rules his spirit than He who takes a city. **Mc 6:8** No, the LORD has told us what is good. What He requires of us is this: to do what is just, to show constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with our God. **Lk 14:11** If you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself. **Pr 20:3** It is honorable for a man to stop striving, since any fool can start a quarrel. **Ec 7:8** The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. **Is 66:2** This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My Word. **Jm 1:21** Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your soul. **Pr 15:18** A hot-tempered man stirs up conflict, but a man slow to anger calms strife. **Tt 3:2** Slander no one, be peaceable and considerate, and show true humility toward all men. **Pr 15:4** Gentle words cause life and health; griping brings discouragement. **Ph 4:5** Let your forbearing spirit be known to every one—the Lord is near.

The Meek Think Soberly And Humbly: Ph 3:3 For we...put no confidence or dependence [on what we are] in the flesh and on outward privileges and physical advantages and external appearances. **1Ti 1:15** Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. **Rm 7:18** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing... **Rm 12:3** I say to everyone not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God has dealt to every man the measure of faith. **Rm 12:16** Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. **1Co 15:9,10** For I am the least of the apostles *and* by the grace of God I am what I am... **2Co 3:5** Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God. **2Co 12:9,10** Most gladly will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. **Gl 6:1** If a man be overtaken in a fault, you who are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering yourself, lest you also be tempted. **Gl 6:14** God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. **Ep 3:8** Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. **1Co 2:2-4** For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. **Gl 5:26** Let us not become conceited.

The Meek And The Wise Dwell Together: Jm 3:13 Which of you is wise and well-instructed? Let him prove it by a right life with conduct guided by a wisely teachable spirit. **Ps 131:1** My heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me. **1Co 3:18** Let no man deceive himself. If any among you seems to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. **Jm 3:17** But the wisdom that comes from Heaven is first of all pure and full of quiet gentleness. Then it is peace-loving and courteous. It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others; it is full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere. **Pr 24:5** A wise man is strong and is better than a strong man, and a man of knowledge increases and

strengthens his power. **Pr 14:6** A scoffer seeks wisdom in vain [for his very attitude blinds and deafens him to it], but knowledge is easy to him who, being teachable, understands. **Pr 11:2** When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with the humble is wisdom. **Pr 11:2** Proud men end in shame, but the meek become wise. **Pr 19:11** A wise man restrains his anger and overlooks insults. This is to his credit. **Pr 15:33** The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility. **Pr 29:8** People with no regard for others can throw whole cities into turmoil. Those who are wise keep things calm.

Fruit of the Spirit Self Control

Self Control: Having strong control over one's own will, emotions and actions; the ability to exercise self-restraint and discipline over one's feelings, passions, desires and impulses.

Self-Control By Crucifying The Flesh: Mt 16:24 If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. **Tt 2:11,12** The grace of God...teaches us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age. **Rm 8:13** If you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **Cl 3:5** Put to death...whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed. **Rm 6:19** You let yourselves be slaves of impurity and lawlessness. Now you must choose to be slaves of righteousness so that you will become holy. **Gl 2:20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God. **Mt 18:8-9** If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. **Gn 4:7** Sin is waiting to attack you, longing to destroy you. But you can conquer it! **Rm 6:4-7** We died...with Christ...(that) we may live new lives. Since we have been united with Him in the likeness of His death, we will also be raised in the likeness of His resurrection. Our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We're no longer slaves to sin. When we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. **Rm 6:12-14** Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to its lustful desires. Do not let any part of your body become a tool...used for sinning. Instead...use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God. Sin is no longer your master...you are free by God's grace. **Rm 6:22** But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. **Gl 5:24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. **Gl 6:14** I will boast only about the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; for by means of His cross the world is dead to me, and I am dead to the world.

Self-Control By The Renewed Mind: Rm 13:14 Let Jesus take control of you, and don't think of ways to indulge your evil desires. **Rm 12:1-2** Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God and do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. **Ep 4:22-24** Put off the old man which grows corrupt and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man created in...righteousness and true holiness. **Ep 6:11** Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all the tricks of the Devil. **Ps 119:133** Guide my steps by your word, so I will not be overcome

by any evil. **2Pe 1:4** Through these...great and precious promises (we)...participate in the divine nature, having escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. **2Co 10:5** Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. **Rm 7:24-25** Who will free me from this life dominated by sin? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Jm 1:21** In humility receive the implanted Word that is able to save (make whole) your souls.

Self-Control By The Demands Of Responsibility: Pr 25:28 A person without self-control is as defenseless as a city with broken-down walls. **1Pe 2:11-12** I beg you...abstain from lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that they may, by your good works, glorify God. **2Pe 1:6** Knowing God leads to self-control. Self-control leads to patient endurance. **Tt 1:8** (Be) hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled. **Gl 5:13** For you...have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **1Co 13:11** When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. **Tt 2:2,12** Exercise self-control...and live wisely...Turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. Live in this evil world with self-control, right conduct, and devotion to God. **1Pe 2:16** Do not use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. Live as servants of God. **1Tm 3:2** A minister must be of irreproachable character, true to his one wife, temperate, sober-minded, well-behaved. **Rm 14:17** The Kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. **1Co 6:12** All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. (Therefore) I will not be brought under the power of any.

Self-Control By The Spirit's Help: Zc 4:6 Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit. **Ph 4:13** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. **1Jn 4:4** Greater is He in you, than he that is in the world. **Gl 5:16** Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **Gl 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is...self-control. **Gl 5:25** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. **Rm 8:13** For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. **Ep 5:18** Don't be drunk with wine (*the flesh*), because that will ruin your life. Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. **Ps 141:3** Take control of what I say, O Lord, and keep my lips sealed. **Rm 8:3,5,6,8,9**...God destroyed sin's control over us by giving to us His Son... (*We now*) no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. If your sinful nature controls your mind, there is death. But if the Holy Spirit controls your mind, there is life and peace...You are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit. **Gl 6:8** He who sows to his flesh will...reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will...reap everlasting life. **Ps 19:13** Keep me from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin. **Ph 2:13** For it is God who is working in you, giving you both the desire to obey Him and the power to do what pleases Him. **Jr 31:33** I will put My Word inside them, and I will write My Word on their hearts. **1Ki 8:58** May He give us the desire to do His will in everything and to obey all (*His*) command. **1Ch 29:18** Make Your people always want to obey You. **Ps 119:32** If You will only help me to want Your will, then I will follow Your laws

even more closely. **Ph 3:21** (*Christ*) will transfigure the wretched body of ours into the mold of His glorious body, through the working of the power which He has, even to bring all things under His mastery.

Self-Control By Guarding Your Heart And Your Mouth: Pr 4:23-26 Above all else, guard your heart, for it affects everything you do. Avoid all perverse talk; stay far from corrupt speech. Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; then stick to the path and stay safe. **Jm 1:26** If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are just fooling yourself...your religion is worthless. **Jm 3:2** Those who control their tongues can also control themselves in every other way. **Jm 1:19** Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. **Pr 13:3 (TLB)** Those who control their tongue will have a long life; a quick retort can ruin everything. **Ps 19:14** May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord. **Ps 34:13** Watch your tongue! Keep your lips from telling lies! **Pr 14:29** Those who control their anger have great understanding; those with a hasty temper will make mistakes. **Pr 29:11** A fool gives full vent to anger, but a wise person quietly holds it back. **Pr 29:20** There is more hope for a fool than for someone who speaks without thinking. **Pr 23:2** If you're a big eater, put a knife to your throat. **Ps 101:2-3** I'll be careful to live a blameless life...of integrity in my own home. I'll refuse to look at anything vile and vulgar. **Ps 141:4** Don't let me lust for evil things or participate in acts of wickedness. **Pr 13:3 (NJB)** A guard on the mouth makes life secure; whoever talks too much is lost. **Pr 13:3 (GW)** Whoever controls his mouth protects his own life. Whoever has a big mouth comes to ruin. **Pr 4:23 (TEV)** Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.

Self-Control By A Desire To Please God: 2Co 5:9 We make it our aim...to be well pleasing to Him. **1Th 4:3-5** It is God's will for your sanctification...avoid immorality...control (*your*) own body in a way that is holy and honorable. **1Pe 1:13-15** Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon...grace...as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts...Be holy in all your conduct. **1Pe 4:1-2** Since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same mind...no longer living...in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. **Ps 119:36** Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to covetousness. **Mt 6:13 (NLT)** Don't let us yield to temptation, but deliver us from the Evil One. **Mt 6:13 (MSG)** Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil. **Mt 6:13 (Phi)** Keep us clear of temptation and save us from evil.

Self-Control By Seeing Your Future Blessing: Cl 3:1-5 Set your sights on the realities of Heaven...Let Heaven fill your thoughts. Do not think only about things down here on earth...Put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual sin, impurity, lust, and shameful desires. Don't be greedy. **Hb 12:2** With our eyes on Jesus, the Cause and Completer of our faith who, in view of the joy that lay ahead for Him, submitted to the cross, thought nothing of the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. **Jm 1:12** Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life. **1Co 9:25-27** All athletes practice strict self-

control. They do it to win a prize that fades away, but we do it for an eternal prize. So I run straight to the goal with purpose in every step...I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should, not what it wants. Otherwise I might be declared unfit and disqualified. **Hb 11:24-27** By faith Moses...refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather mistreatment with the people of God than enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible. **Rv 2:10** Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer...You (*will*) be tested...Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. **1Pe 1:13** So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the special blessings that will come to you at the return of Christ. **Rv 3:12** He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God. And I will write on him the name of My God.

Self-Control By The Fear Of God: Hb 12:28-29 Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God *is* a consuming fire. **Dt 4:24** For the Lord your God *is* a consuming fire, a jealous God. **Hb 10:26-27** If we deliberately continue sinning after we have received a full knowledge of the truth, there is no other sacrifice that will cover these sins. There will be nothing to look forward to but the terrible expectation of God's judgment and the raging fire. **Pr 5:22-23** An evil man...will die for lack of self-control. **Nm 11:1-2** The people began to complain to the Lord about their hardships; and...His anger blazed against them. Fire from the Lord raged among them...the people screamed to Moses for help; and when he prayed to the Lord, the fire stopped. **2Th 1:7-8** When the Lord Jesus appears from Heaven. He will come with His mighty angels, in flaming fire, bringing judgment on...those who refuse to obey the Good News. **2Co 5:9-11** Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. **2Pe 3:11** Since everything around us is going to melt away, what holy, godly lives you should be living! **Rv 3:11** Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. **Rv 22:12** Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward *is* with Me, to give to every one according to his work.

Prayer For Self-Control

Father, God of all grace and power, today I thank You for Your all-sufficient grace which gives to me both the desire and power to do Your will. Thank You for the Spirit of Grace working deep within me, conforming me to the image of Your Son! Help me Father, to walk daily in Your Word; and by the Spirit to say no to the things of my fallen flesh. Help me to be self-controlled in all areas of my life, and to always choose those things that are well-pleasing to You. Today I crucify my flesh, with its carnal passions, impulses,

affections, and desires; and by faith yield myself to the daily direction of the Holy Spirit. Because I am united to Christ in His death and resurrection, I am now no longer under the control of Satan, sin or self. Father, keep me from any sin that would try to take me down. Committed to thinking only God's thoughts, I capture every thought to the obedience of Christ. I reverence my God by sowing to the things of the Spirit, and of the Spirit I reap the abundant Life. I rest in Christ's promise that He will perfect all that concerns me. May my life now and forever bring You glory and draw men to Your Son Jesus Christ.