

What Is Required to Have Fruit of the Holy Spirit?

We think practicing the key behaviors listed below will bless us with the Holy Spirit and enable us to enjoy a life filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control:

- ✠ Love God with all of our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and love our neighbor as ourself.
- ✠ Always abide in Christ's love for us and keep His commandments, among them, loving others as He loves us.
- ✠ Believe in The Gospel (the Good News of Jesus Christ) – that Christ died to forgive our sins and rose on the third day to demonstrate the possibility of eternal life for those who follow Him.
- ✠ Repent and make fulfilling God's will our top priority.
- ✠ Have an abiding and enduring trust and faith in Christ alone as our Lord and Savior.
- ✠ Be baptized by water in Jesus' name.
- ✠ Bury our own self-righteousness and seek instead to mirror Christ's righteousness.
- ✠ Make every thought obedient to Christ and be as He would want us to be.
- ✠ Read the Bible daily and live a life aligned with God's Word.
- ✠ Be of service to others and to the Church.
- ✠ Be in fellowship with other believers.
- ✠ Rejoice always, and in all things, give thanks.
- ✠ Pray fervently throughout the day.
- ✠ When we have sinned, seek God's forgiveness in earnest prayer.
- ✠ Share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with others.

Here are some of our favorite Scripture verses that exemplify these behaviors:

"And He [Jesus] would answer and say to them, 'The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise.' And some tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, 'Teacher, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Collect no more than what you have been ordered to.' Some soldiers were questioning him, saying, 'And what about us, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse anyone falsely, and be content with your wages.'" (Luke 3:11 – 3:14)

"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of 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 invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.'" Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'" (Matthew 25:34 –40)

"But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. Brethren, pray for us." (1 Thessalonians 5:12 –25)

"Peter said to them, 'Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" (Acts 2:38)

"... what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." (1 John 1:3)

"... for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ, ..." (2 Corinthians 10:5 –6)

See our PDF document ["What Does Being Christ-like Look Like?"](#) for more detail.