

THE FRUITFUL LIFE

Joy

Galatians 5:22-23

What are the Fruit of Spirit? - The Fruit of the Spirit are nine specific behaviors or characteristics that are the result of the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life.

Fruit (karpos)- The word "fruit" refers to the product or result from something. It is what comes from a tree or plant, like an apple comes from an apple tree. So, when Paul talks about "the fruit of the Spirit" he is referring to fruit that comes from the Spirit of God.

THE FRUIT OF JOY

Joy (chara)-An inner rejoicing that abides despite outer circumstances. It is a deep and nourishing satisfaction that continues even when a life situation seems empty and unsatisfying. To be joyless is to dishonor God and to deny His love and His control.

JOY STEALERS

- Unfavorable Circumstances-Romans 5:3-5
- Unconfessed Sin-Psalms 51:12, Psalms 32:3-4
- Misplaced Confidence-Philippians 3:1
- Frustration of God's Timing-Psalms 40

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF JOY

- Jesus-John 15:11
- Habakkuk-Habakkuk 3:17-19
- Nehemiah-Nehemiah 8:10
- David-Psalms 16:11

PERSONAL RESOLVES FOR SPIRITUAL JOY

- I MUST RESOLVE THAT I WILL NOT ALLOW MY CIRCUMSTANCES TO QUESTION GOD'S FAITHFULNESS-Job 1:21
- I MUST RESOLVE THAT GOD IS SOVEREIGN-Psalms 100:3
- I MUST RESOLVE TO FIND SOME GOOD IN EVERY BAD SITUATION-James 1:2-4, Romans 8:28