

The Tsunami Blessing, Inside and Out, Part 69

If you desire to realize the currents of the breakthrough anointing that the mind of Christ reproduces, then you must recognize that "...the love of Christ constraineth us..." 2 Corinthians 5:14. The second set of nine include love, peace, joy, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. These usher you and your world into divine order, balance, wholeness, fullness, overflow, and excess. That is how you represent the mind of Christ. Then others will be certain you have seen Jesus as He really is because they see His image and likeness in you.

May you always expect as well as experience a smooth transition from resisting Holy Spirit to making Him irresistible. The fruit God desires to taste can only be reproduced by the Godhead: Abba Father, the husbandman (farmer); Jesus Christ the True Vine. Only through Holy Spirit can you yield the fruit the Spirit. Always come to Abba Father so He can lift up your branches so Holy Spirit can attend to any bruised, diseased, fallen fruit. There is an incorruptible harvest in His healing.

It is impossible to harvest an incorruptible crop unless you give you have a seamless connection with Holy Spirit. Sow to the Spirit, so you can reap from the Spirit. When you remain in sync, you are in position to be led by the Spirit, live in the Spirit, and walk in the Spirit. Whenever you do not that is when the counterfeit operation comes into the forefront to display artificial fruit. It looks authentic at first glance, but it will never pass the taste test.

Consider this: the spirit is willing to yield to God to choose the best; the flesh is weak so it is easy enough to be conquered. That ushers you into a life where you can be just like Jesus Christ in this world. That preserves you from being a counterfeit, simply because you have surrendered the right of way in every area of your life.

This is what you can expect when you are a habitation of God through Holy Spirit where Jesus Christ remains resident in your heart by faith. Just think about it—100% of God in 100% of you? His abounding grace has a readiness to supply all that God is and all that God has: everything you need; the desires of your heart; and even the abundantly above all that you can imagine.

You have undeniably access by faith to receive God’s wisdom, love, and power. With Holy Spirit as your subject matter expert on all occasions, you can host the mind of Christ all the time. He is as close as the air you breathe. Holy Spirit comes alongside of you to magnify the Lord so you can activate the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God. Now do not wander away where you cannot discern His whispers. Never be so distracted where you even disregard His shouts. His presence and power are well able to keep you from falling. Now transfer your trust so every trial of your faith turns in your favor to see the triumph of your faith.

At least twenty-seven traits display the divine nature of the Godhead. They are ever-present for you to discover. Throughout the Scriptures, you see each one exhibited in Abba Father, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit because all three operate as one. When employed collectively, they are interdependent; each one may lead the operation but the others are always there to support a successful transaction. That is how you are filled with the fullness of God. The mind of Christ can flow through you fluently and fervently. That is the Tsunami Blessing, inside and out.

Jesus’ Intimacy the Abba Father and Holy Spirit

John 1:32-33 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

³²John gave further evidence, saying, I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and it dwelt on Him [never to depart].

³³And I did not know Him *nor* recognize Him, but He Who sent me to baptize ^[a]in (with) water said to me, Upon Him Whom you shall see the Spirit descend and remain, that One is He Who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.

Footnotes:

- a. [John 1:33](#) See footnote on John 1:26.

John 3:33-35 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

³³Whoever receives His testimony has set his seal of approval to this: God is true. [That man has definitely certified, acknowledged, declared once and for all, and is himself assured that it is divine truth that God cannot lie].

³⁴For since He Whom God has sent speaks the words of God [proclaims God's own message], God does not give Him His Spirit sparingly *or* by measure, *but* boundless is the gift God makes of His Spirit!

³⁵The Father loves the Son and has given (entrusted, committed) everything into His hand.

John 5:30 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

³⁰I 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.

John 14:30-31 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

³⁰I will not talk with you much more, for the prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [He has nothing in common with Me; there is nothing in Me that belongs to him, and he has no power over Me.]

³¹But [^[a]satan is coming and] I do as the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know (be convinced) that I love the Father and that I do only

what the Father has instructed Me to do. [I act in full agreement with His orders.] Rise, let us go away from here.

Psalm 25:12-14 Living Bible (TLB)

¹²Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach him how to choose the best.

¹³He shall live within God's circle of blessing, and his children shall inherit the earth.

¹⁴Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence him. With them alone he shares the secrets of his promises.

The Spirit of God's Product Line

Character	Fruit	Power
Wisdom	Love	Word of wisdom
Understanding	Joy	Word of knowledge
Counsel	Peace	Discerning of spirits
Might	Long-suffering	Faith
Knowledge	Gentleness	Miracles
Reverence	Goodness	Healing
Righteousness	Faith	Tongues
Faithfulness	Meekness	Interpretation
Glorious	Temperance	Prophecy

Fruit of the Spirit

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law.”
Galatians 5:22-23

The fruit of the Spirit is the yield you produce from sowing to the Spirit. Fruit represents growth and maturity in Christ. Yielding to the Spirit will ultimately affect your harvest. The Spirit of God will always give you the best results. Once you learn to sow to the Spirit, you won't be so eager to maintain control or usurp God's authority.

The yield desired from the seed sown is for your harvest to be greater than your deposit. You plant a Holy Spirit seed and you will reap a Holy Spirit harvest. Then gather it into your barns, for you and for others. You also can produce byproducts when you further the process.

Fruit is produced through a gradual growth process. Fruit that abides in its chosen season will mature naturally. The best tasting fruit stays connected to the vine until it reaches maturity. Jesus Christ is the True Vine.

On the other hand, when fruit is harvested out of season, it is even more valuable. In fact, the price you pay is normally much higher than if you had purchased it in its season. However, if you really want it and have a taste for it, no price is too high for you to possess it.

Jesus Christ already paid the price for the best crop. That's why we can be instant in season and out of season, because the sacrifice has already been offered to and accepted by God.

The fruit provides nourishment for God, yourself, and others. Fruit is offered to God first as a tithe, before you offer it to others. “The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits.” 2 Timothy 2:6. It is therefore God who determines the quality of the fruit. He takes the first bite.

The husbandman also determines the location of the grape vine and its purpose. Grapes have four purposes: they can be harvested crops to be eaten at once; dried as raisins; boiled into thick syrup for wine; and lastly, as crops to sustain the widows; orphans; and strangers when they glean. All things work together for the good for those who are called according to His purpose. Abide in God's purpose for your life.

Fruit is the part of your tree that others experience. Your fruit is there for the picking. Others see your produce and they want to partake of your fruit. They can feel it. They can taste it. They can touch it. They can smell it. They can hear it.

Matthew 7:16-20 says, "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them."

Through the indwelling Spirit of God, good seeds i.e., the Word of God, deposited into your heart can be fully developed into crops that leave a sweet taste in one's mouth. The fruit is the only way others know that you are God branded; not by wearing a Jesus pin or a bumper sticker slogan.

You are the apple of His eye. Just like one would keep the pupil from harm and danger, the Spirit of God provides sustenance to keep you fully alive. Fruit is a delicate product that can be easily bruised, diseased or perished so it must be handled with care. Deuteronomy 32:10 confirms these words, "He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye."

In fact, God scans your inward condition. He sees all productive and unproductive areas. He sees some as trees whose fruit has withered. He sees others as trees with only leaves and without any fruit. Still, He sees some as having experienced a total crop failure; twice dead: the root is plucked up and the fruit is rotten. Whatever your condition may seem like, God desires to resuscitate you to the uttermost.

To make wine, the grapes are first processed by heavy stones or trampled in vats. Then the product is filtered to remove dregs and insects. It is then boiled into a thick syrup. The finished product is placed in jars of new skins. The new wine is used as a drink offering presented as a daily sacrifice with the offering of first fruits.

Keep this in mind: we are the product God is developing. Products normally go through testing to ensure they work as designed. The goal is to bear much abiding fruit. The Gospel of St. John shares the process with us.

Jesus declares in John 15:1-2,4-5 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman [farmer]. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing."

How do you get much fruit? Galatians 5:16-21, 24-25. "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelling, and the like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

You must be led by the Spirit, live and walk therein to experience nonperishable fruit.

Led by the Spirit: Maintain a heart that is open to the leadership of the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God will never contradict the Word of God.

Live in the Spirit: Secondly, allow the Spirit of God to quicken or resurrect the rotten, diseased, and bruised pieces of fruit continuously. For the way God commands us to love, His abundant, healing grace must be readily in supply.

Walk in the Spirit: Thirdly, follow the Spirit of God and keep up with Him. Tread all around with Him. As your constant companion, you are living proof of His ability.

LOVE - Noah walked in the Spirit of God to harvest love. Therefore, the love of God was demonstrated when Noah preached righteousness, although he had an absolute plan of salvation for his own family.

Byproduct of love: commitment and devotion.

God is love. 1 John 4:7-21 The Passion Translation (TPT)

⁷Those who are loved by God, let his love continually pour from you to one another, because God is love. Everyone who loves is fathered by God and experiences an intimate knowledge of him. ⁸The one who doesn't love has yet to know God, for God is love.^[a] ⁹The light of God's love shined within us^[b] when he sent his matchless^[c] Son into the world so that we might live through him.^[d] ¹⁰This is love:^[e] He loved us *long before we loved him*. It was his love, not ours. He proved it by sending his Son to be the pleasing sacrificial offering to take away our sins.^[f]

¹¹Delightfully loved ones, if he loved us with such tremendous love, then "loving one another" should be our way of life! ¹²No one has ever gazed^[g] upon the fullness of God's splendor.^[h] But if we love one another, God makes his permanent home in us, and we make our permanent home in him, and his love is brought to its full expression in us. ¹³And he has given us his Spirit within us so that we can have the assurance that he lives in us and that we live in him.

¹⁴Moreover, we have seen with our own eyes and can testify to the truth that Father God has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Those who give thanks^[i] that Jesus is the Son of God live in God, and God lives in them. ¹⁶We have come into an intimate experience with God's love, and we trust in the love he has for us.^[j]

God is love!^[k] Those who are living in love are living in God, and God lives through them. ¹⁷By *living in God*,^[l] love has been brought to its full expression in us^[m] so that we may fearlessly face the day of judgment,^[n] because all that Jesus now is,^[o] so are we in this world. ¹⁸Love never brings fear, for fear is always related to punishment. But love's perfection drives the fear of *punishment far* from our hearts. Whoever walks constantly afraid of *punishment*^[p] has not reached love's perfection. ¹⁹Our

love for others is *our grateful response* to the love God first demonstrated to us.^[a]

²⁰Anyone can say, “I love God,” yet have hatred toward another believer. This makes him a phony, because if you don’t love a brother or sister, whom you can see, how can you truly love God, whom you can’t see? ²¹For he has given us this command: whoever loves God must also demonstrate love to others.^[a]

Footnotes:

- a. [1 John 4:8](#) Or “God continually exists, being love.”
- b. [1 John 4:9](#) Or “God’s love was revealed among us.” The base word for “revealed” is *phainō*, “to shine light.”
- c. [1 John 4:9](#) Or “only begotten.” That is, Jesus had no beginning and was the eternal Son of God as part of the triune essence or Godhead.
- d. [1 John 4:9](#) The Aramaic can be translated “that we might live in his hand,” considered to be an idiom for living by his grace.
- e. [1 John 4:10](#) The Aramaic can be translated “This is how love was born.”
- f. [1 John 4:10](#) The Greek term *hilasmos* can be described as “a cleansing, satisfying sacrifice that provides a covering shelter.” A form of the word is used for “mercy seat” in [Heb. 9:5](#). God’s love provides the answers for life’s greatest questions: (1) Why was I created? To receive and experience God’s love. (2) Does God care about me? God’s love is indiscriminate; he loves everyone and cares about every detail of our lives. (3) Am I really free to choose or reject God’s love? Yes—love must be a choice, freely and without compulsion. (4) What is the way of salvation? Love became a man, Jesus Christ, who died as our sacrificial offering and by believing in him we receive the gift of salvation. (5) How can I really know that I am saved? When we respond with faith to God’s loving invitation and then demonstrate it by loving others, we have the assurance of our salvation. (6) How can I know that God loves me? His love prompted him to send his unique and beautiful Son to the earth to be our Savior and Redeemer. He offers to everyone the invitation to experience even deeper measures of his love. And he gives us his Holy Spirit as confirmation that he loves and cherishes us and gives us the power to love others. See [Eph. 3:14-21](#).
- g. [1 John 4:12](#) Or “watched.” The Greek verb *theaomai* is used in classical Greek for “watching a play or spectator sport.”
- h. [1 John 4:12](#) See [John 1:18](#); [5:37](#); [6:46](#).
- i. [1 John 4:15](#) As translated from the Aramaic.
- j. [1 John 4:16](#) Or “in us.”
- k. [1 John 4:16](#) Or “God continually exists, being love.”
- l. [1 John 4:17](#) Or “By this” (relationship with God).
- m. [1 John 4:17](#) Or “love has reached its goal/destiny within us.”
- n. [1 John 4:17](#) The Aramaic can be translated “we will have open faces on the day of judgment.” For the true believer filled with God’s love, the day of judgment is not to be feared but looked forward to, for perfect love will have made us completely like Christ. Love provides us with no reason to fear the future or to fear punishment from God. See [1 Cor. 4:5](#).
- o. [1 John 4:17](#) Or “because we are what he is in this world.” The verb tense is important. We are not like Jesus *was*, but because of grace, we are like he is *now*: pure and holy, seated in heaven, and glorified. See [Rom. 8:30](#); [Eph. 2:6](#); [Col. 3:1-4](#). Faith has transferred his righteousness to us.

- p. [1 John 4:18](#) The immediate context shows that it is the fear of correction, “punishment,” or rejection. The Aramaic can be translated “Fear is suspicious.”
- q. [1 John 4:19](#) Or “We [continue to] love because God first loved us.” Some manuscripts read “We love God because he first loved us.”
- r. [1 John 4:21](#) The real proof of our love for God must always be in how we express love and treat others with dignity and respect, esteeming them in love.

Demonstrate God’s love. “As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you; continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you; that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.” John 15:9-11

John 15:10 The Passion Translation (TPT)

¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will live in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands, for I continually live nourished and empowered by his love.

JOY - Noah walked in the Spirit of God to harvest joy. Noah learned to be content to walk with God and not to participate in the overwhelming sin that surrounded him. He was satisfied in knowing he and his family were going to be saved, perchance if God had not made any other promise to him. Therefore, he was free from death, sorrow, mourning, guilt, shame and grief. More importantly, Noah chose not to even enjoy sin for a season. Noah made no substitutions to fill any void in his life. Noah delighted himself in the Lord. He was satiated with the presence of God, giving no place to the devil. He rejoiced in his salvation. Noah’s relationship with God was incomparable to anything and anyone else. He was indeed satisfied from himself. “The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself.” Proverbs 14:14.

Byproduct of joy: satisfaction, contentment, and gratitude.

God is your exceeding joy. “O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.” Ps. 43:3-4

You will experience pure joy in His presence. "Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." Ps 16:11 42

Listen for what only satisfies. "Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice." Ps. 51:8

Rejoice, again I say rejoice in the Lord. "Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous; and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart." Ps. 32:11

Experience real joy. "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid; for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore, with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." Isaiah 12:2-3

Sorrow and mourning can't stand in the face of joy. "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and mourning shall flee away." Isaiah 35:10

PEACE - Noah walked in the Spirit of God to harvest peace. Noah totally agreed with God: the what, how, when, why, and how long. Everything was in perfect order: nothing was missing and nothing lacked. There were no inconsistencies. Although there was utter chaos around him, Noah was at complete rest. He didn't compromise his standards or did try to negotiate with God. Noah was free from anxiety, stress, and turmoil. Because Noah made his peace with God, he also received the peace of God, which literally made him impenetrable. "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Byproduct of peace: Total agreement and unity with God's way of life in the earth.

Jesus governs peace. "...And his name shall be called, Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

The peace the world gives is not an option for the believer. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27

Break negative, tormenting thoughts by saying Jesus out loud. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee." Isaiah 26:3

LONG-SUFFERING - Noah walked in the Spirit of God to harvest long-suffering. I'm sure that Noah was mocked, despised, and ridiculed because of the message of salvation and his construction project. It was apparent he offered clemency to the scoffers realizing that they had no idea what they were doing. He was rejected for 120 years. He was doing a great work, so he didn't allow his own emotions or that of others to dictate his response. He refused to be offended. He elevated God's need above his own desire to feel comfortable. Noah went outside his comfort zone. He accommodated God by becoming selfless, and, therefore, resigned from doing his own plan. Through it all Noah was doubtlessly persistent. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted but not forsaken; cast down but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." 2 Corinthians 4:8-10.

Byproduct of long-suffering: Forgiveness, mercy, and endurance.

God is patient. "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like-minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus, That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:4-6

Finished products are perfected: nothing missing and nothing lacking. "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptations, knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." James 1:2-4

You can glory in tribulations when you realize the awesome power you have within. "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost who is given unto us." Romans 5:3-5

GENTLENESS - Noah walked in the Spirit of God to harvest gentleness. Noah was tenderhearted and affectionate toward the things of God. He did not produce panic or fear, although his message was a solemn warning. He extended loving kindness even when others resisted their own salvation and deliverance. He did not render evil for evil, or railing for railing. Your value increases when you become an asset to God instead of a liability. In kingdom business, it is your sensitivity to others that is most profitable and beneficial.

Byproduct of gentleness: Loving kindness and sensitivity.

Jesus is meek and gentle. "Now I, Paul, myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you." 2 Corinthians 10:1

A gentle spirit is ready to teach others. "And the servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves, if God peradventure, will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." 2 Timothy 2:24-26

God's gentleness paves your avenue to greatness. "Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation; and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great." Psalm 18:35

GOODNESS - Noah walked in the Spirit of God to harvest goodness. Noah had a changed heart because of his unbroken fellowship with God. Having a good heart always outweighs evil concupiscence. The scriptures indicate that Noah's heart was perfect toward God versus the other hearts that were wicked continually. Noah demonstrated complete passion for God's agenda. He focused on what pleased God with no hidden agendas. God was in hot pursuit to establish His covenant in the earth, so Noah focused on God's purpose and plan. Passion cultivates compassion. Compassion cannot just remain idle when a need is present. Compassion will do everything in its power to help. Moved by zeal, Noah manifested His goodness toward all others. Noah was fervent in spirit although he already knew the end of the matter. Therefore, he was free from slothfulness. Certainly, God had foreknowledge that no others beside Noah and his family were going to be

saved. Still, He wanted to save all the others more than they wanted to be saved. Where sin abounds, God's grace more abounds. The grace of God makes His goodness available to all even when we do not deserve it. We cannot do anything at all to merit or earn the favor He shows toward us. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." II Corinthians 9:8.

Byproduct of goodness: Graciousness, favor, and responsiveness.

God is good and does only good things. "Good and upright is the Lord; therefore will he teach sinners in the way. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way." Psalm 25:8-9 "Thou art good, and doeth good; teach me thy statutes." Psalm 119:68

Commune with the Lord to experience His goodness. "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who trusteth in him." Psalm 34:8

FAITH - Noah walked in the Spirit of God to harvest faith. Noah did not stagger at the promise of God by allowing fear, doubt, or unbelief to seep in. Having a secure relationship caused his faith to be established in God. Noah was personally familiar with His power and authority. Noah was fully persuaded that he could depend on what God said. Noah was persuaded that God could and would perform all that He said. He chose to believe God, because there was no one else higher, greater, or better to trust. Faith gives the courage to face impossible situations with the hope that salvation will manifest immediately. The measure of faith deposited within us gives us that blessed assurance. "In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him." Ephesians 3:12.

Byproduct of faith: Confidence in and reliance upon God as your source.

Jesus begins and completes our faith. "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

Position yourself to receive from God. "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11:6

Read the Word out loud so your ears hear faith. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

Pray that your faith does not fail during testing. "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not. And when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke 22:31-32

MEEKNESS - Noah walked in the Spirit of God to harvest meekness. Noah was quick to obey God, and humbled himself to His instructions. Noah became teachable as a student. He didn't question the plan of God. He didn't override God, or usurp His authority. Proverbs 8:12 declares that, "Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, and before honor is humility." Meekness helped Noah to serve in any capacity whenever the opportunity was presented. Although Noah was the Project Director, he served in the capacity of a stevedore, loading and unloading all the cargo. Noah understood his role as a disciple and faced humiliation when it presented itself. If you learn to give up your life to God, no one can ever take anything away from you. Why? Because you already laid your life down. You are a bond servant not a slave, selflessly given away for the purpose of Jesus Christ. We learn to prefer others above ourselves and condescend to men of low estate. Although the Son of God, Jesus learned obedience by the things He suffered. He became flexible with pleasure to the will of God although he was under pressure. As a disciple of Christ, this is how we learn to share in the fellowship of Christ's suffering. Through obedience, be willing to go as far as Christ did to endure your cross. You can even humble yourself to the cross that is before you, realizing you don't need to defend yourself because that is God's role. You honor authority when you submit to the just as well as the unjust. It is truly a learned behavior to give up your right to be right. That truly shows your strength, not weakness. When you understand God's system of rewards and punishment, you will begin to approach opportunities to be meek with sweatless victory. Psalm 37:11a resounds that "the meek shall inherit the earth."

Byproduct of meekness: Obedience and honor authority.

Jesus is meek and lowly in heart. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."
Matthew 11:29

Meekness helps to bring along an inheritance. "Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty with thy glory and thy majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things." Psalm 45:3-4

Seek meekness, not weakness. "Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, who have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." Zephaniah 2:3

Answer with humility of mind and heart. "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of terror, neither be troubled, But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to everyone that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience, that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ." I Peter 3:14-16

Show meekness to all. "To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing meekness unto all men. But after the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Savior." Titus 3:2,4-6

TEMPERANCE - Noah walked in the Spirit of God to harvest temperance. Noah demonstrated restraint and will power in the midst of a world full of sin and stress. Noah remained disciplined and therefore remained unblemished.

Noah learned how to continuously balance out the cargo, e.g., he always had an open heart to receive another perspective on the prevailing situation.

An attitude is not innate. Therefore, it is not fixed. It can be changed. It is what you choose to display. Your attitude influences your behavior; level of performance; level of satisfaction; social contacts; method of verbal and

nonverbal communications; and tone of voice, posture, and facial expressions.

Although our life experiences contribute to the value we place on persons and things, if we allow God the express opportunity, He effectively tempers us for our own good and His glory.

Byproduct of temperance: Making room for an attitude adjustment continually, mastery, incorruptible, fruitful crops.

God brings to light the weak parts to be developed. "For our comely parts have no need; but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked, That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another." I Corinthians 12:24-25

To be incorruptible, you must attain temperance. "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we, an incorruptible. But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." I Corinthians 9:25, 27

To be fruitful, you must add temperance. "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue; Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience, and to patience, godliness; And to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." II Peter 1:3-10

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind [wisdom].” II Timothy 1:7

All of the fruit of the Spirit are extremely important, but the greatest of them is love. The God kind of love goes beyond romance, friendship, and brotherly kindness to make a commitment to never give up, give in, or give out.

Love is powerful. “Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

Charity never faileth: and now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” I Corinthians 13:4-8a, 13

Love conquers all. “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:37-39

Love is the sure foundation. “That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love. May be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:17-19

Love is awesome in itself. However, to achieve fruitfulness, the other eight fruit must be fully operating. Truthfully, you cannot separate joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance from love. They can't effectively work independently, because they all affect the success of each other. Love makes them all work together.

LAY THE FLESH TO REST

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the

Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust of it; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." I John 2:15-17.

I charge you to be mindful of how you maneuver after a victory. Why? After a victory you may become careless. You may tend to relax without your armor. You may even stop believing that there won't be a battle like that one for a long time. So you stop watching and praying and start enjoying the new place. In the new place, you must keep the borders armed and patrolled. There may be follow up attacks.

Equally as important, be careful of how you move about when it appears that you have been defeated. Why? Because when it looks like defeat you may become presumptuous. You may begin to assume the role of God, because you were expecting Him at a certain time and a certain place with a certain thing. The result you will receive is your own works, instead of God's.

While awaiting the arrival of God's manifestations, stay focused. Keep on doing what you know to do. Seek the Lord's dominion. Double up on reading the Word and prayer. Fast meals. Keep the borders armed and patrolled. Psalm 19:13 confirms this, "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression."

Noah was an extremely great example through the preparation for and duration of the flood; but, let him also serve as a warning to us with the events that took place afterwards. Unfortunately, Noah made provision for the flesh. After the flood, there was a turn of events in Noah's life.

Worship reflects the state of the heart. No one can effectively worship God in the flesh. Worship has a recipe that allows no substitutions. It is not like a mock apple pie, e.g., a recipe made without real apples. God establishes that worship must be in spirit and in truth. You must have a seamless connection with His Spirit to achieve and maintain worship.

Noah's withered fruit was a direct reflection upon his worship to God. He experienced a crop failure. Naturally, if a piece of rotten fruit is placed next to a piece of good fruit, it will cause decay. You can get the same results spiritually, with a rippling effect even if all the other pieces of fruit are good. Remember, "one bad apple spoils the whole bunch."

Fruit of the Spirit	Fruit of the Flesh
Love	Selfishness; committed to the covenant blessings, but not to the Covenant maker.
Joy	Chose old wine instead of the new wine; instituted a vice to satisfy himself. Noah was known as the father of the grapevine.
Peace	Stopped agreeing with God; agreed with the world, the flesh, and the devil.
Long-suffering	Stopped expecting from God; wanted immediate gratification.
Gentleness	Loss of purpose. a changed career: became a farmer, conscious was seared, became callous; not tenderhearted toward God.
Goodness	Showed passion for satisfying the flesh instead of pursuing God's heart.
Faith	Relied upon the comforts of the bottle (work of his own hand); shortsighted, no vision; stopped trusting God.
Meekness	Caused humiliation or shame that resulted from his nakedness; pride comes before the fall; and a haughty spirit before destruction.
Temperance	Caused an imbalance in his life. One will usually go to the extreme when there is a lack of discipline. Not led by the Spirit, or living or walking in the Spirit.