

# The Fruit of the Spirit

## Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self Control

Galatians 5:22-23

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### GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

The Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-Control  
Galatians 5:23 - Part 3

1. What does it mean to be faithful? Who in your life would you say has been the epitome of faithfulness? What Bible Character (other than Christ) immediately comes to your mind when you think of the word “faithfulness?” Why?

2. READ Matthew 25:21 – Will faithfulness on our part actually pay off in the end? List specific things that you believe the Lord will reward you for your faithfulness (i.e. finances).

3. READ I Cor. 14:10-12 – Jesus plans to judge us (reward us). He plans to reward you for your faithfulness. Are you looking forward to the reward (bema) seat of Christ? Why or why not?

4. The word gentleness can best be connected to the word “meekness.” What connotations come to mind when you think of the word meekness? READ 2 Cor. 10:1 – How did Christ exhibit meekness in his life?

5. READ Matthew 5:5 – Why will the meek inherit the earth? How will followers of Christ inherit the earth? Is this a future promise to those who follow Christ (see Revelation 20:1-6)? What does God promise us Rev. 20:6?

6. READ Numbers 12:3 – The author of Numbers states unequivocally that Moses was very meek. In fact he was more meek than all the men on the earth of his day. What evidence in the life of Moses would verify this statement to be true?

7. Define the term self-control. List some possible areas of life Christians struggle with (i.e. spending). What are the consequences of lack of self-control? What are the benefits of self-control?

### ACTION STEPS

1. Look over the list of things you believe the Lord will reward you for which you put together in question two. Is there room for improvement in the area of faithfulness in your life? What steps will you take toward improvement? List them.

2. Name one area in your life where you still lack self-control? Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to gain control over that area of your life. For the next 40 days pray daily for the Holy Spirit to give you self-control over that area of your life. Keep a journal during those 40 days to see what God did. Give God praise for any success you experienced.



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