



SPIRITUAL FRUIT

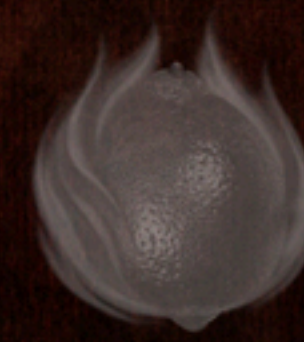
AND THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST



GALATIANS 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

KINDNESS







“But the fruit of the Spirit is... kindness”

GALATIANS 5:22

Kindness = “providing something of benefit”



Let God's kindness reveal his love for you.



ACTS 14:17

¹⁷ Yet he [God] has not left himself without testimony: He has shown **kindness** by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.



TITUS 3:4-7

⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.



TITUS 3:4-7

⁵ ...He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.



No self-hatred



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No shame



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No shame

No insecurity



EPHESIANS 2:6-7

⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his **kindness** to us in Christ Jesus.



Let God's kindness reveal his love for you.

Practice kindness as if you were doing it for Jesus.



COLOSSIANS 3:17a, 23

¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus... ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters...



Not out of guilt



Not out of guilt

Not because you have no boundaries



Not out of guilt
Not because you have no boundaries
Not to get something in return



MATTHEW 25:35-36, 40

³⁵ 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, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'



MATTHEW 25:35-36, 40

⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’



“If that were Christ, would you
give him your blanket?”

Richard Wurmband



Let God's kindness reveal his love for you.

Practice kindness as if you were doing it for Jesus.

Make kindness a Spirit-filled lifestyle.



GALATIANS 5:25

²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.



“Sometimes people just need people. They need encouragement. You have no idea how lonely and sad some people might be. Love them everywhere—not just at home, but at work, or wherever you find them.”

Tim Sanders



COLOSSIANS 3:12

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, **clothe yourselves** with compassion, **kindness**, humility, gentleness and patience.



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