

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

FAMILY DEVOTION

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

Galatians 5:22-23

The words listed above are words we are all familiar with. We hear them often from our ministers, our parents, our friends and even on decorative signs or posters. We have made them into common sayings we exchange with one another like "I love you" and the greeting Jesus often used "Peace be with you." But why are they called fruit? The bible obviously is not talking about apples, oranges, or berries. Why refer to these character traits as fruit? One way to explain this would be that "fruit" can also be called produce. It is "the product" of farming. The "fruits of the spirit" are parts of the character of God. And because of this, they are the product of inviting the holy spirit to abide in you. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control are all qualities that we display out of our love of God.

Spend some time discussing what each word means.

Spend some time discussing where you have seen the fruits of the spirit in each other.

Spend some time discussing how we can each display the fruits of the spirit more often.

**DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR MAKING US YOUR
CHILDREN. DRAW NEAR TO US AND
ALLOW US TO DISPLAY THE FRUIT
OF YOUR SPIRIT.**

AMEN.