


FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT:

Galations 5:22,23



We have been talking about the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.

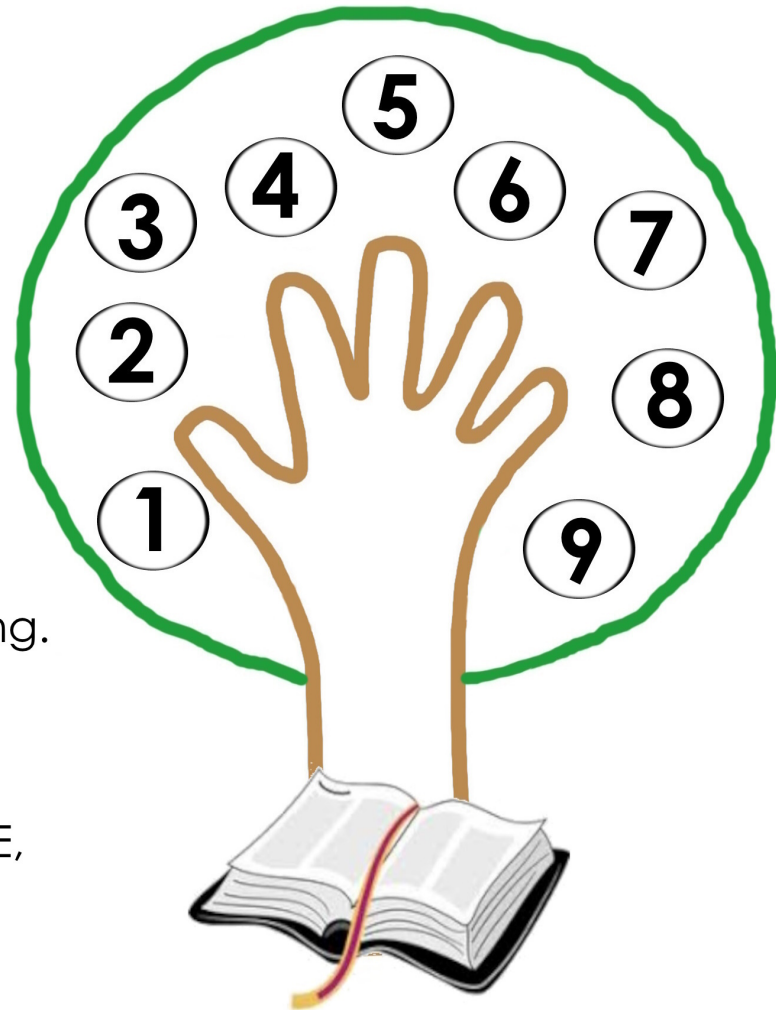
When we invite Jesus into our life,
He comes and lives inside us by His
Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us
grow GOOD FRUIT .

 There are 9 fruits of the Spirit:
Love, Joy, Peace, Patience,
Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness,
Gentleness, and Self Control. Gal 5:22,23

Let's talk about PATIENCE.
PATIENCE is waiting calmly for something.
Learning to wait patiently grows
sweet and delicious fruit on the inside.

The opposite of patience is IMPATIENCE,
the feeling that you CAN'T WAIT! You
want something right now!
Impatience is yucky fruit.

I want to grow PATIENCE on the inside. How about you?



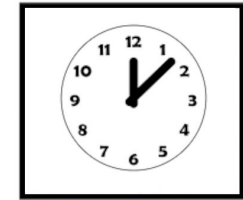
What does the WORD OF GOD say about

THE PATIENCE OF GOD ...



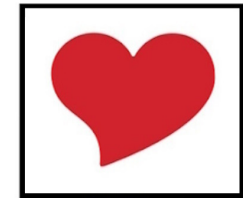
The Lord is not slow in doing what He promised-the way some people understand slowness. But God is being patient with you. He does not want anyone to be lost. He wants everyone to change his heart and life. (2 Peter 3:9)

Jesus waits for you to decide if you will follow Him. He gives you time.



The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. (Psalms 103:8) Love is patient... (1 Cor 13:4)

Being patient with someone shows that you love them.

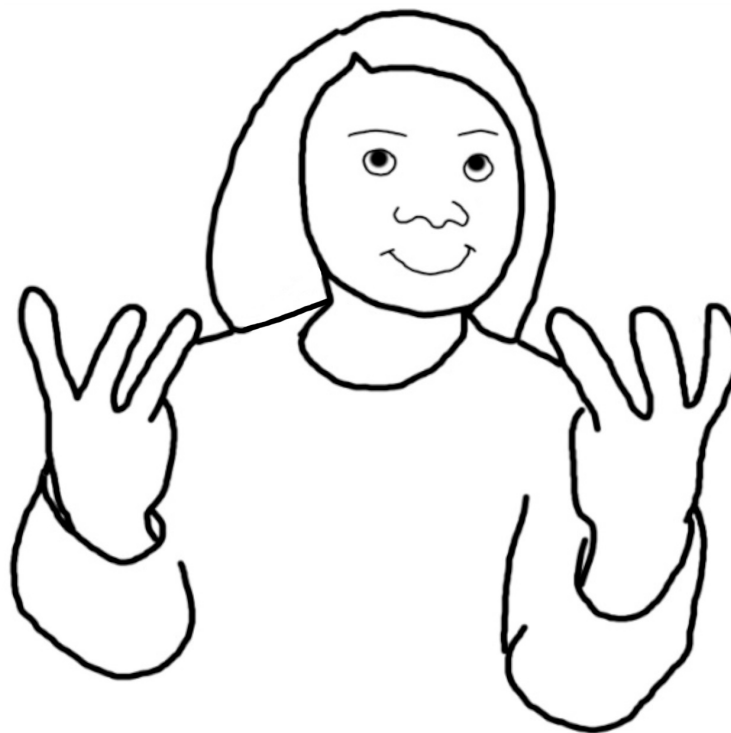


Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him... (Ps 37:7)

When you wait for something, think about waiting before Jesus. He will come to you and help you.



ASL for PATIENCE (WAIT)



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Those who wait upon the Lord
will renew their strength.

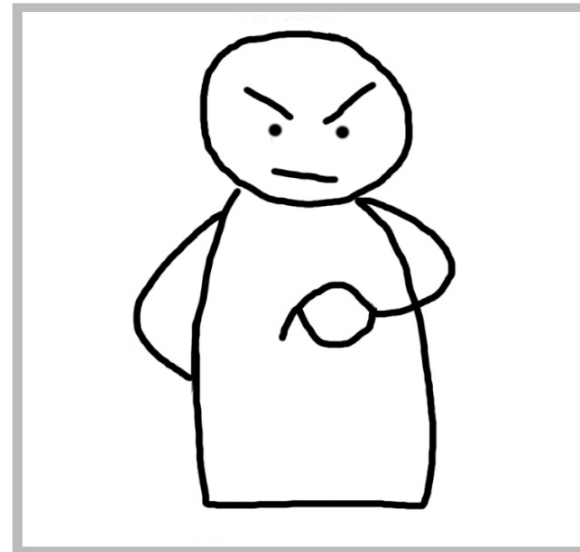
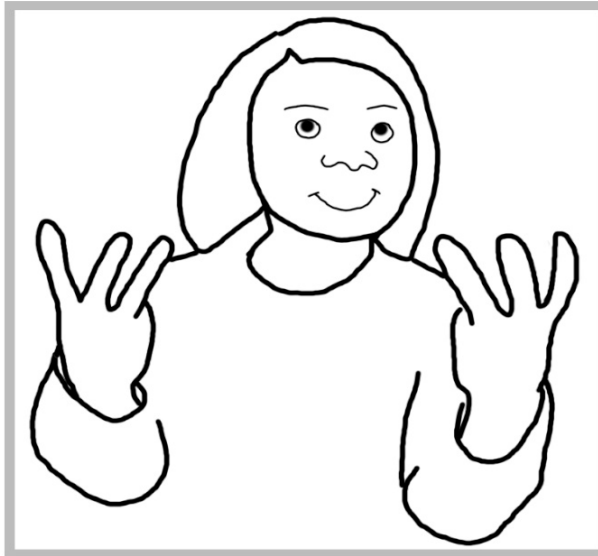
Isa 40:31

Remember our good and rotten fruit?

EDIBLE FRUIT



SPIRITUAL FRUIT



PATIENCE

- waiting
- cheerful

IMPATIENCE

- wants it RIGHT NOW!
- feels mad, angry, frustrated

There is a story in the bible about waiting patiently...



God made a promise to a man named Abraham. He promised Abraham and Sarah would have a son. In fact, God said Abraham's family would be so big he wouldn't be able to count them all, just like the stars in the sky... too many to count!



Abraham and Sarah waited a very long time to have a baby. It took 25 years before they had the son God promised. Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. Sarah thought she was too old to have a baby but she finally held him in her arms and smiled!

Let's pray...

Dear God...

YOU ARE PATIENT WITH US!

Rev 5:8



**PRAYER RESPONSES OF CHILDREN: SOMETIMES IT IS HARD TO BE PATIENT.
THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU WANTED SOMETHING RIGHT NOW! ASK JESUS TO HELP
YOU NEXT TIME.**

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in Jesus' name,
Amen.

Blessing over children:

**Let's imagine we are fruit trees. Open your branches up wide while I pray for you...
"Jesus, rain down Your patience on us. Fill us up with power to wait before You
for everything we need."**

*But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.* Is 40:31

Add PATIENCE to your FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT tree.

