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The Fruit of the Spirit Galatians 5: 22-23



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Kindness, Generosity, Faithfulness, Gentleness
and Self-Control'*

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The **Fruit** of the **Spirit** is a biblical term that sums up nine attributes of a Christian according to Paul the Apostle in his Epistle to the Galatians:

"But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

The Fruit of the Spirit are the values of Dawpool School and underpin everything we do.

LOVE	
Definition	Seeks the highest good of others
Description	Love is not based on emotions or feelings. It is a decision to be committed to the well being of others without any conditions or circumstances.
Scriptures	1 John 4:7-12 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love . ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love : not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
Jesus' Example	Jesus said <i>"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in my love."</i> John 15:9

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JOY	
Definition	Gladness not based on circumstances
Description	Joy is more than happiness. It is not based on financial success, good health, or popularity. By believing in God, obeying his will, receiving his forgiveness, participating in fellowship with other believers, ministering to others and sharing the gospel, believers will experience joy.
Scriptures	1 Peter 1:8-9 Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy , ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
Jesus' Example	Jesus said <i>"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them."</i> John 17:3

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PEACE	
Definition	Contentment, unity between people.
Description	Peace is a state of assurance, lack of fear, and sense of contentment. It is fellowship, harmony and unity between individuals. Peace is freedom from worry, disturbance and oppressive thoughts.
Scriptures	<p>Philippians 4:6-7</p> <p>Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.</p>
Jesus' Example	<p>Jesus said</p> <p><i>"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."</i></p> <p>John 14:27</p>

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PATIENCE	
Definition	Slow to speak and slow to anger.
Description	Patience is slowness in avenging wrongs. It is the quality of restraint that prevents believers from speaking or acting hastily in the face of disagreement, opposition, or persecution. Patience is bearing pain or problems without complaining.
Scriptures	James 5:8-9 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. ⁹ Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!
Jesus' Example	The apostle Paul wrote: <i>"I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of the sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who believe in him and receive eternal life."</i> 1 Timothy 1:16

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KINDNESS	
Definition	Merciful, sweet and tender.
Description	Kindness is an eagerness to put others at ease. It is a sweet and attractive temperament that shows friendly regard.
Scriptures	Proverbs 11:16-17 A kind-hearted woman gains honour, but ruthless men gain only wealth. Those who are kind benefit themselves, but the cruel bring ruin on themselves
Jesus' Example	"And God raises us up with Christ . . . in order that in the coming ages he might show incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus." Ephesians 2:6-7

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<i>GENEROSITY (GOODNESS)</i>	
Definition	Generous and openhearted
Description	Generosity is the selfless desire to be openhearted and generous to others above what they deserve.
Scriptures	Galatians 6:9-10 Let us not become weary in doing good , for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.
Jesus' Example	"God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour." Titus 3:5-6

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FAITHFULNESS	
Definition	Dependable, loyal, and full of trust
Description	Faithfulness is a firm devotion to God, loyalty to friends, and dependability to carry out responsibilities. Faith is a conviction that even now God is working and acting on our behalf.
Scriptures	Proverbs 3:3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.
Jesus' Example	"But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory." Hebrews 3:6

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GENTLENESS	
Definition	Humble, calm, non-threatening
Description	Gentleness is a humble, non-threatening demeanour that derives from a position of strength and authority, and is useful in calming another's anger. Gentleness is not a quality that is weak and passive.
Scriptures	<p>Proverbs 15:1</p> <p>A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger</p> <p>1 Peter 3:15</p> <p>But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.</p>
Jesus' Example	<p>Jesus said:</p> <p><i>"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."</i></p> <p>Matthew 11:29</p>

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<i>SELF-CONTROL</i>	
Definition	Behaving well
Description	Self-control is to restrain our own emotions, actions and desires, and to be in harmony with the will of God. Self-control is doing God's will, not living for ourselves.
Scriptures	<p>Proverbs 29:11</p> <p>Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end.</p> <p>Titus 2:11-12</p> <p>For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age</p>
Jesus' Example	<p>"When [Jesus' accusers] hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."</p> <p>1 Peter 2:23</p>

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