

Devotion - **The Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit**

Time :- 10-15mins

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are vitally important and are the tools given by God for the decisive task of furthering the Kingdom of God.

The gifts, by themselves, do not automatically number us among the saved. A single charism or other gift of the Holy Spirit is enough to empower us for our personal mission, but each of us needs to manifest the Fruits of the Spirit

(Gal 5:22) if we are to live the holiness to which we have been called.

Jesus wants followers who depend, not on personal talents and tools , but primarily and confidently upon the Divine Spirit He pours down upon us.

We can each be transformed , if we too set God totally free to accomplishing His purpose in us! Once God encounters someone of confident faith, He does all the rest.

The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

CCC 1830 The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

1831 The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David. They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations.

Let your good spirit lead me on a level path.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God . . . If children, then heirs, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

1832 The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. The tradition of the Church lists twelve of them: "charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity."

**The Twelve Fruits
of the Holy Spirit**

1. Charity
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Generosity
8. Gentleness
9. Faithfulness
10. Modesty
11. Self Control
12. Chastity

Prepare a personal devotion to share for 10-15mins. With the following points of reflection in mind.

1. Distinguish between the purpose for gifts and the need for fruit in our lives.
2. What fruit do you most recognize in yourself, and which fruit do you have most trouble submitting to?
3. What are the habits you are cultivating to allow fruit to flourish in you?
4. How can you submit more to the Holy Spirit living in you?
5. In what ways are you open to the Holy Spirit's gifts for Ministry and fruits of holiness working in and through you for His Kingdom

Here are a few guidelines:-

- Devotions are no longer than **10 -15minutes**. Please be mindful of your time.
- Please stick to the subject matter and essence of your verse or passage of Scripture.
- The Devotions take place after the announcements and before we break for Bible Study/small groups.
- If you have any questions about our devotion in general or your devotional topic specifically, please contact Susan at 833-5114 or suejulian5@yahoo.com