

## Fruits of the Spirit(Faith)

Whenever one walks into a grocery store such as Kroger's, HEB, or Food King the fruit section is set up in the front of the store. It's not hidden in a corner or placed out of sight in the back of a store. The fruits are not covered, but they are exposed for all to see. An they are arranged according to variety. Grapes beside grapes, apples beside apples; in other words certain fruits don't belong together. An so it is in the spiritual realm. We should not hide the fruits of the spirit that live in us. Let our light so shine that men may see the good works in us and glorify the Father. Saints belong with saints, just as fruits are grouped according to variety then we should not stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful.

This fruit that we will examine in this lesson is **Faith** (Gal. 5:22-23). This word **Faith** unlocks the door. This is what motivates us or drives us when we are going through our trials and tribulations. It is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. Simply stated it's believing in God. If you have faith then you want accept the impossible you will believe that God can do anything but fail.

### **I. Actions of Faith....**“Faith without works is dead” (James 2:20)

- Actions speak louder than words, in other words we must act on what we believe.
- Hebrews chapter 11 is filled with men of actions from building the ark to leaving home and starting over at 75yrs old in a strange land.
- An if we are people of action then we will let the world see Christ in us (I Jn 4:4)

### **II. Live by Faith.....** “The just shall live by faith” (Ro. 1:17)

- Faith governs our living.
- Sometimes we experience periods in our lives where we face hardships, but if we have faith the sun will shine again.
- People of faith know that he will supply **all** our needs (Phil. 4:19)

### **III. Pray by Faith.....** “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering” (James 1:6)

- Doubt should not be in your mind when you go before God in prayer, only believe.
- Ask like a child. Just as parents gave us good gifts, so our heavenly Father desires to do the same (Matt. 7:11)
- We may not have an answer today but keep on praying. Daniel kept praying for 21 days until God answered him (Dan. 10:12-13). Just hold on your answer is a prayer away.