

## Keeping Our Fruit Fresh

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.”

~Galatians 5:22-25 (ESV)

Refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ product of a living thing.

\_\_\_\_\_ qualities: Love, Joy, Peace

\_\_\_\_\_ qualities: Patience, Kindness, Goodness

\_\_\_\_\_ qualities: Faithfulness, Meekness, Self-control

### Love:

Loving GOD, has to be an \_\_\_\_\_ love, not just a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship. He wants the most intimate relationship with each one of us.

“And he said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.”

~Matt 22:37-38 (ESV)

We are to love the \_\_\_\_\_, the ones who are inside these four walls.

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” ~John 15:12 (NIV)

We are to love \_\_\_\_\_ people, like that neighbor or those unbelievers.

“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.” ~ Leviticus 19:18 (NIV)

### Joy:

J-\_\_\_\_\_, The inner happiness of our Christian life should be based on the close personal relationship we have with the living Christ.

“Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory.” ~1 Peter 1:8, (ESV)

O-\_\_\_\_\_, We also receive great joy from serving other people.

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” ~Mark 10:45 (ESV)

Y-\_\_\_\_\_, That source of joy for us as Christians is the recognition of who and what we are in Christ.

“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” Jn. 15:11 (ESV)

“Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” ~Neh. 8:10 (ESV)

### Peace:

Peace with \_\_\_\_\_

“For He himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility.” ~ Eph 2:14 (ESV)

Peace \_\_\_\_\_

“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” ~ Phil. 4:7 (NIV)

“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.”

~John 14:27 (NIV)

Remember in verse 25, Paul tells us we need to keep in-\_\_\_\_\_ with the spirit.

Are you keeping in-step with the Holy Spirit, or out of step?

### Love:

### Joy:

### Peace: