What drives us should be the Holy Spirit

**Emotions**
Love
Joy
Peace
**Way we treat others**
Patience
Kindness
Goodness
**How we interact with God**
Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self Control

All are attributes of the "Fruit" of the spirit.
If we are in Christ, the Fruit is to be in us.
Walking out of step with Jesus, causes chaos, confusion, trouble, ad grief in our lives.

* It weakens your testimony
* It weakens the faith of others in our lives

Without Love, all activity in the church is useless or without value.

* Fluency and eloquence is valueless
* Prophecy and knowledge is valueless
* Faith is valueless
* Benevolence is valueless
* Martyrdom is valueless

**LOVE**

The Doctrine of Love

* Agape love is the supreme attribute of God. 1 John 4:7-11
* Agape love is the supreme characteristic of the church
* Agape love is a super natural love
* Agape love is action

Love flows forth most fully as we come to terms with God's gracious love for us

We should rejoice in our suffering
**Agape love in action-1 Corinthians 13:4-8**
1.Other centered characteristics

* Patience= long suffering
* Kind= useful and generous
* Not Jealous= useful and generous

Love actively seeks to bring good into the lives of others
2. Self effacing characteristics

* Does not brag
* Is not arrogant
* Is not unbecoming-rude or thoughtless
* Is not self seeking

3. Proactive characteristics

* Is not provoked
* Does not hold grudges
* Rejoices in truth not sin

Actively seeks to extend love to unlovely people
4. Protective characteristics

* Bears all things
* Believes all things
* Hopes all things

Seeks to restore the fallen to the right relationship

LOVE NEVER FAILS.

**JOY**

Circumstances cannot take away true joy

2 Corinthians 6:10 NIV
sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

It is possible to have joy in trials.
The joy comes from knowing what God has done in your life

It becomes easy to lose your joy when Jesus and our connection to the word is cut off

If our circumstances dictate our emotions on a regular basis, there is a disconnect.
      Our focus is likely in the wrong place.

1 John 1:3-4 NIV
We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.

When we don't have joy-our faith is weak

Fellowship is important.
Fellowship- Community-Unity- Relationship
The ones that separate themselves-set themselves up to look enticing to the enemy.
Our fellowship is not just with one another but with the Father and the Son

When we separate ourselves, we leave ourselves open to attack by the enemy.

Hebrews 10:25 NIV
not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Isolation causes us to believe we are alone...
We become vulnerable to our own mind

Three strands are not easily broken

Unity is only possible through true relationship.

Psalm 133:1-2 NIV
How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron’s beard, down on the collar of his robe.

Philippians 4:4-7 NIV
Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Supplication: Begging
Bad relationships steal your joy

We must make sure there is no bitterness but that there is forgiveness.

Ecclesiastes 4:11-12 NIV
Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?   Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Colossians 3:1-7 NIV
Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.   Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming.  You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived.

1 Corinthians 3:18 NIV
Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise.

1 Corinthians 4:5 NIV
Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

**Do not adopt the world's wisdom!!**

We must not do things for each other expecting to be rewarded.
Doing things with the wrong motive can steal our joy

Moving in obedience to God brings blessing.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 NIV
If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God:

Sin is disobedience and will steal their joy.

When we fellows ship with God we understand what is required

The devil will become a fear monger and attempt to discourage aid get us off track. Anything to separate from God.

Fellowship with God is prayer, communication, petition, etc.

2 Corinthians 8:2 NIV
In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

Hebrews 10:34 NIV
You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.

**PEACE**

The absence of turmoil.

When we're in opposite spectrums we bring turmoil.

Acts 1:14 NIV
They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 2:1 NIV
When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

When they all came together, the Holy Spirit was able to move.
Peace comes through unity

l. Peace with God

* 5:1-Justified
* 5: 2-5- Rejoice in His love.
* 6:9- Possible from God

Romans 5:1-11 NIV
Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.   You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.   Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Acts 10:36 NIV
You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

The world is not able to give true peace.
The peace of God is in Salvation

John 14:27 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 16:33 NIV
“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

Hebrews 7:25 NIV
Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

No matter what goes on the key to God is repentance.

2. Peace with man

Ephesians 2:11-14 NIV
Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.   For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

God does not make exceptions
When we make peace with God, He gives us peace with each other

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Reconciliation
Ephesians 2:18 NIV
For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.
We're given access to God
Ephesians 2:19 NIV
Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household,

Not only are we considered citizens, but also family.
We should not feel like we belong

3. Peace with self
Peace with self is mostly a by product of being at peace with God

You can't be at peace with God, and man, if we cannot be at peace with ourselves.

The byproduct of peace are Love and Joy

Luke 8:43-48 KJV
And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any,  Came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanched.  And Jesus said, Who touched me? When all denied, Peter and they that were with him said, Master, the multitude throng thee and press thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?  And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.  And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touched him, and how she was healed immediately.  And he said unto her, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

**PATIENCE**

A) Old Testament
     Ex 34:6
     Psalm 86:15
     Joel 2:13
     Proverbs 14:17; 29

-(Fix) Grace, mercy , slow anger

The goal of a parent should be how to survive when the parent is gone.

     1 Cor 13:4
     1 Thes 5:14
     James 5: 7-9
     Romans 15:5
     Hebrews 10:36
     James 1:3,4

We are to be able to endure. Things may not happen on your time, they will happen on God's time.
Our patience should be inKeeping with God's patience with us.

**Patience:** the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset.

Dealing with people in a Godly people

The patience we are to have should be done with love.
God will place us in situations that will TEACH us patience
Every drought has rain.
Be patient until God comes and breaths into your life
--God loves us even when we are going through something

Some personalities: flexible, tolerant, easygoing, lenient complacent, reserved, laid back.
Traits don't lead to patience. Sometimes these traits are motivated by fear or other reason
Order should not be disturbed to appease others

Patience is a weapon. If you can out last you are victorious.
It cannot be achieved, it must be received by The Spirit
1 Peter 2: 23;  3: 8-20

2 Peter 3: 9

B) New Testament
     Greek-Markothumia =Longsuffering
     Greek- Hypomena=Abide Under

*Patience with people*
has to be exercised when wronged, abused, mistreated,or slighted

Eph 4:2
Col 3:12, 13
2 Timothy 2:24.

*Patience with trails*
Romans 5: 3
James 1:3

*Patience with yourself*
Personal expectations, aspirations, goals, and weaknesses.
We need to wait on the answer to respond sometimes.
Think about the next move.
Connect with hope in order to keep patience
Romans 12:12

When it's hot- do less
when it's cold- do more

**KINDNESS**

True kindness is a gift only given from the Holy Spirit
kindness- Being friendly and considerate

Matthew 5: 45
God is kind to both just and unjust.

He produces kindness through those who are generally living in God.
As Christians we need tohave these traits be apparent in how we live.
Our heart condition should reflect kindness. (as well as the other Fruit traits)

**Chrestotes** -(Greek) generosity, benevolant, sympathy, compassion

Romans 2: 4
God showed kindness and that should put value on God.
Our lives should have the same sort of value, if not we need to reflect and readjust

Romans 11: 22
We need to maintain that attribute of Kindness even when we need to be firm and when the world is going haywire.

1 Samuel 18: 1-3
l Samuel 20: 14-17

True Kindness is manifested through unconditional Love
It's shown by being faithful to one another.

What God has done for us we should do for others
Psalms 31: 21
Isaiah 54: 8
Luke 6: 35-36

When mercy is given... it is received.
Be careful to continue to be a blessing to people even when they are mean to us.
Don't give, expecting something in return.
God's favor is free to us, as well as His faithfulness.

Proverbs 19: 22
Proverbs 31: 26
2 Cor. 6: 3-6
Eph. 4:30-32

Rage anger brawling slander bitterness and malice are enemies of kindnes
2 Peter 1: 5-10

Sometimes stepping back to reflect on the Word is needed to keep our minds in a kind mindset.

Acts 20: 35
Eph 2: 7
Matthew 25: 34

**SELF CONTROL**

**Temperance**

Egkrateia= Kratos= strength from within, holding one's self in
The last virtue
Maybe the most important virtue.
Without it, you cannot exercise the other fruit.

Our actions emotions and intentions all need to be in check no matter what is going on around us.

Developed through our relationship with the Holy Spirit
Galatians 5:19-20
We are warned to guard ourselves and not let the laws of the flesh get to us
But to exercise caution when in the world.

Acts 24: 25
Without self control, we can't be righteous.
Righteousness produces self control

Galatians 5: 23
Self control is the evidence of walking in the Spirit

Ephesians 6:10
The devil schemes against us but self control protects us from the Spiritual forces of evil.

Who you are is not determined by what tempts you. How we handle those temptations define us.

As long as we stand firm, we will not fall, and be strengthened
Giving up ground to the devil is what causes us to lose self control

2nd Peter 1: 6
To persevere is to stand and not lose ground

Proverbs 16: 32

James 1:26
We must be careful what we say to others and ourselves
In Jesus Christ is our hope

Romans 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:1-4
Ephesians 1:16

Don’t cast off the restraints...
Trust God ad be self controlled