

Sermon Series: **The Ministry of the Holy Spirit**
Outline for message 2 of 6, "The Fruit Producer"
Scripture text, Galatians 5:22,23

Introduction: The immediate context and the one KARPOS (*Greek, fruit*)

I. The Orange Illustration

II. Even better Illustrations: those from Scripture

- A. LOVE: Judah and Benjamin, Genesis 43
- B. JOY: Nehemiah and Peter help us to understand the dying strength of Stephen.
- C. PEACE: Abraham and Lot, round one, Genesis 13
- D. PATIENCE or LONGSUFFERING: Job - with James' encouraging reminder.
- E. KINDNESS: King David and Mephibosheth, 2 Samuel 9
- F. GOODNESS: Abigail, 1 Samuel 25
- G. FAITHFULNESS: Abraham and Lot, round two, Genesis 14
- H. GENTLENESS: Boaz & Ruth, Paul & the Thessalonians (1st letter, ch. 2)
- I. SELF-CONTROL: David and Saul, 1 Samuel 24

III. Accept no Substitutes

- A. Plastic fruit
- B. Rotten fruit

IV. For fruit to ripen, it must be cultivated How?

Questions for reflection, study, and further application

1. Can I reasonably expect the fruit of the Spirit to ripen in my life, if my nourishment is physical only, and does not include every word that proceeds from the mouth of God?
2. As a family or with other fellow Christians, find and discuss passages where one or more qualities of the Spirit's fruit is seen in our Lord or in others
3. How does the the FRUIT of the Holy Spirit differ from the GIFTS of the Holy Spirit?