

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



Fruit *of* *the* Spirit

evidence that God is at work in your life

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- **Galatians 5:22-23** — *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”*

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- God the Father wants to transmit and impart **9 specific elements** of the fruit of the Holy Spirit up into our personalities

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- God wants all of us to enter into a true sanctification process with Him so that He can begin the process of molding, shaping, and transforming us into the express image of His Son Jesus Christ

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- When we're filled with the Holy Spirit we'll evidence the **fruit of the Spirit** in our lives

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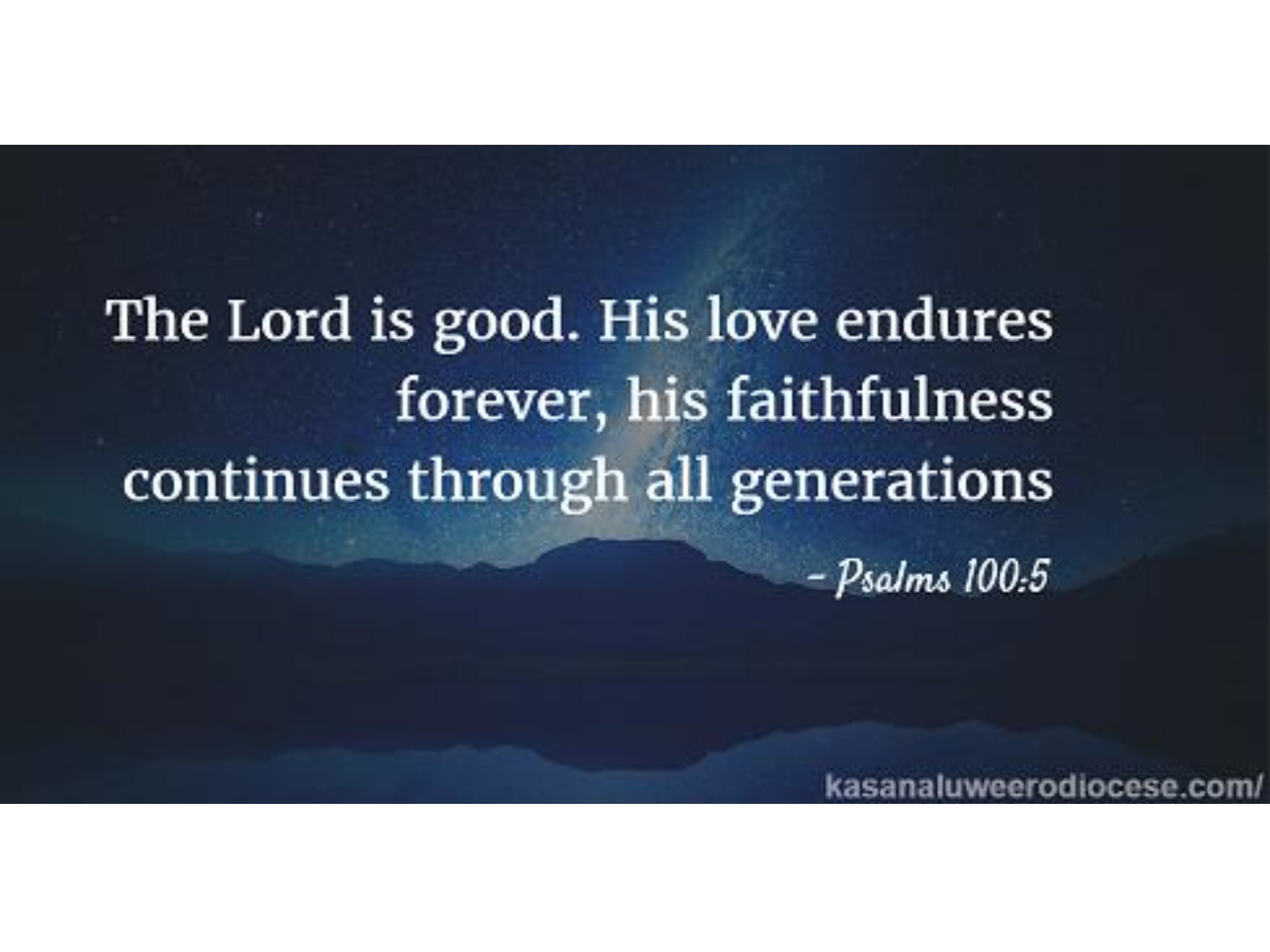
THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS



FAITHFULNESS


Lesson 8





The Lord is good. His love endures
forever, his faithfulness
continues through all generations

- Psalms 100:5

A photograph of a sunset or sunrise. The sun is a bright, glowing orb on the horizon, casting a long, horizontal band of orange and yellow light across the sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a lighter blue near the horizon. The foreground is dark and indistinct.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words
will never pass away.

Matthew 24:35

Jesus Is Risen

28 Now after the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, there was a severe earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. The guards shook for fear of him and became like dead men. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. Go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead; and behold, He is going ahead of you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

And they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and went to report it to His disciples. And as they went to meet them and greeted them, suddenly they came up and took hold of their feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and take word to My brethren to leave for Galilee, and there they will see Me."

Now while they were on their way, some of the guard came into the city and told the chief priests all that had happened. And when they had taken counsel with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, "His disciples will come and slay you; you are to say, 'His disciples came and stole Him away while we were asleep.' And if this should come to the governor's ears, we will win him over and keep you out of trouble." And they took the money and did as they had been instructed. This story was widely spread among the Jews, and to this day.

The Great Commission

16 But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had said of. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28.20

DEFINITION OF FAITHFULNESS

- ***“Steady in allegiance or affection; loyal; constant”***

DEFINITION OF FAITHFULNESS

- “*Pi’stis*” – The same word for
“*faith*”

SCRIPTURES ON FAITHFULNESS

- **1 Corinthians 4:1-2** challenges us to be faithful in stewardship
- **Ephesians 6:21** talks about being faithful in service
- **1 Timothy 5:9** speaks of being faithful in our marriages
- **Revelation 2:15** speaks of being faithful in witnessing

SCRIPTURES ON FAITHFULNESS

- **Romans 12:12** says we are to be faithful in prayer
- **Colossians 1:7** speaks of being faithful in ministry
- **Revelation 17:14** says we are to be faithful in following the Lord
- **Proverbs 31:26** speaks of faithful instruction

SCRIPTURES ON FAITHFULNESS

- **John 3** says we are to be faithful in the truth
- **Revelation 13:10** speaks of faithfulness even in times of persecution
- **Revelation 2:10** says we are to be faithful unto death & then we'll receive the crown of life

DEMONSTRATION OF FAITHFULNESS

- **Matthew 16 – Jesus**

**BUT HE TURNED AND
SAID TO PETER, GET
BEHIND ME, SATAN!
YOU ARE A STUMBLING
BLOCK TO ME, FOR
YOU ARE NOT SETTING
YOUR MIND ON THE
THINGS OF GOD, BUT
ON THE THINGS OF
MEN.**

MATT. 16:23

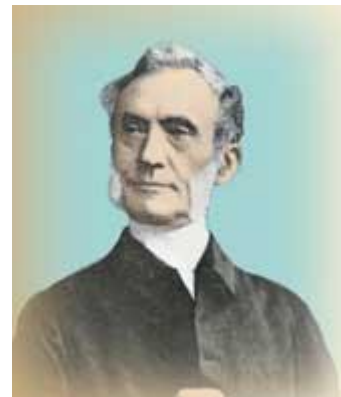
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- **Matthew 27** – **Jesus**

and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross.”

— Matthew 27:40 (NASB®)

George Muller began praying for 5 of his friends. He prayed **5 years** before the first one was converted; for the next one he prayed **10 years**; for the third one **25 years**; for the fourth nearly **50 years**. The last one was converted after **52 years**, at **George Muller's funeral**. George Muller was faithful, even unto death.



HOW TO DEVELOP FAITHFULNESS

1. And when we are **Spirit-led Christians**, when we are a branch attached to the vine who is Jesus Christ, then we produce fruit because it's the natural thing to do

HOW TO DEVELOP FAITHFULNESS

2. We need to realize that **temptations will come**
3. We need to **seek the Holy Spirit's reinforcement** and **develop regular, positive, spiritual habits**; This world is not a Christian world

HOW TO DEVELOP FAITHFULNESS

4. Finally, we need to get back up when we fall or are knocked down e.g. **Simon Peter** and **Paul**

HOW TO DEVELOP FAITHFULNESS

- **Simon Peter** – Sometimes he made glaring mistakes, even denying the Lord, and he wept bitterly because of what he had done
- But every time he fell down, he got back up again

HOW TO DEVELOP FAITHFULNESS

- **Paul** – He experienced all kinds of persecution, all kinds of discouragement, all kinds of temptations
- Yet he didn't give up

WE ARE CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL

- **To God**
- **To others**
- **To the church**

The Bible Says:

II Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.



Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness 3x
Lord unto me

NEXT

GENTLENESS