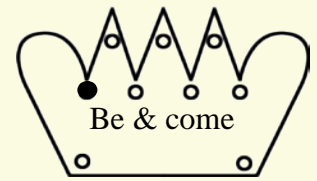


Truly Great When Christ Comes Again

5.6 Fruit of Holy Spirit

Bible Verse: Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
Kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.



Proclaim: *I want to be the Lord's tree of life, bearing the spiritual fruits.*

Truth: We must grow in the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Our good character reveals the presence of God within us, and draws souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Scripture Reference: Genesis 45: 1-15

Lesson: (1) **God values the fruit of the Spirit** – *The fruit of the Holy Spirit is*

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. God greatly values the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

For love is more important than capability. "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal."

Imagine how a bank officer must not only attain academic qualifications but also have patience and honesty. (1 Corinthians 13:1)

(2) **We reap what we sow** – *An eternal principle "Whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." If we yield to God's holy Spirit and sow graciousness and endurance, we will bear the fruit of goodness and patience in time. But if we harbor grudge, hatred and bitterness will be formed. (Galatians 5:22-23; 6:7)*

(3) **Joseph chose to sow rightly** – *In his youth, Joseph was thrown into a pit in the wilderness by his brothers, who had bitter jealousy towards him. He was then sold to a company of Ishmaelite and taken as a slave to Egypt, where he suffered affliction and hardship many years. However, Joseph later showed forgiveness and kindness to all of them in spite of his pains. Joseph chose to sow the right seeds of endurance and kindness, and was able to forgive and love. The Bible reveals: God wants us to forgive and love our enemies; if we do not forgive them, the Father will not forgive our sins. (Matthew 6:14-15; Genesis 45:1-15)*

(4) **Holy Spirit is working inside us** – *"The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life." Joseph yielded to God continually and became a man of good character. In the same way, we ought to yield and let Holy Spirit form the fruits of good character in us. (Galatians 6:8)*

(5) **Our spiritual fruit reveal the Lord in us** – *"Every good tree bears good fruit but every bad tree.. " When we have the fruit of the Spirit, we reveal Holy Spirit's presence in us. By our love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, we can help people to know God. (Matthew 7:17)*

Conclusion: Joseph did not harbor bitterness in his heart but chose to grow in goodness and in the fruit of the Spirit. Let us be like Joseph, who yielded to God's Spirit of grace, and by good character, show Christ-likeness and glorify the Lord God.

You Will Need:	A BIBLE; VISUAL AIDS - Lesson Title and Memory Verse. Pictures of fruits and fruit tree
BIBLE STORY TELLING	Genesis 45:1-5 Joseph forgive and treat his brothers well 1. God attach great value to the fruits of the Holy Spirit <i>"If I give away all I have...but have not love, I am nothing"</i> (1 Cor 13:1-3) 2. The spiritual fruits reveals God's presence in our live
PRAY	Ask God for a change of heart so as to bear more fruit of the Holy Spirit.