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Bible Study

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9 QUALITIES THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

What if I told you that you can experience the kind of life that God desires for all of His children! The kind of life that would not only change you now – but also change your future! Well, that’s what this new Bible Study series is all about. This study is about how we can develop the character that God wants for us by the indwelling “Fruit of the Spirit”.

I. The New Testament Speaks of Several Different Kinds of Fruit:

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| 1. People won to Christ | <i>Romans 1:13</i> |
| 2. Holy living | <i>Romans 6:22</i> |
| 3. Gifts brought to God | <i>Romans 15:26-28</i> |
| 4. Good works | <i>Colossians 1:10</i> |
| 5. Praise | <i>Hebrews 13:15</i> |
| 6. Fruit of the Spirit | <i>Galatians 5:22-23</i> |

II. It Is Important That We Distinguish Between:

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| 1. The <u>gift</u> of the Spirit – salvation. | <i>Acts 2:38, 11:17</i> |
| 2. The <u>gifts</u> of the Spirit – talents. | <i>1st Corinthians 12:1-11</i> |
| 3. The <u>fruit</u> of the Spirit – character | <i>Galatians 5:22-23</i> |

III. The Fruit of the Spirit Falls into Three Categories:

- Upward qualities – not affected by outward circumstances.
 - love, joy, peace
- Outward qualities – shown toward others.
 - longsuffering, kindness, goodness
- Inward qualities – comes from within through the power of the Holy Spirit.
 - faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Brothers and sisters, God wants us to live by the Fruit of the Spirit. These qualities are produced by the Holy Spirit within us – we cannot do this on our own! Let’s make a commitment to live as God desires for us – by Walking in the Spirit!