**Pneumatology Fruit of the Spirit**

***Gal 5:22*** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,* ***23*** *gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

**Introduction**

**Fruit: Greek: *karpos* -** the product of any living entity’

1. of plants **Mt 3:10; 7:17-19; 13:8, 26; 21:19, 34, 41; Mk 4:7; Lk 6:44; Joh 12:24; 2 Ti 2:6; Js 5:7, 18;**
2. **b.** of humans **Lk 1:42 (womb).**
3. figurative: of moral-spiritual productivity: a. good (***agathos***) tree = ***agathos*** fruit; rotten tree = evil result, outcome, deed; an effect, result; produce

**Good: Greek**: ***agathos*** – good, opposite κακός (*bad*);

**(**1) of the moral character of persons *good, upright, worthy* (Jesus - **Jn 7.12**);

(2) of outward performance *capable, excellent, good* (good servant **Lk 19.17**);

(3) of the quality of things *good, beneficial*; of soil *fertile*; of gifts *beneficial*; of words *useful*; of deeds *good*;

(4) what is morally good *the good, what is good, right*; τὰ ἀγαθά as what is for one's well-being *good things, fine things* (**LU 16.25**); of materially valuable things *goods, possessions, treasures* (**LU 12.18**); ὁ ἀ. *the Good One* (i.e. God) (only God id good - **Mt 19.17**); *the good person* (**Rom 5.7**);

***CP kalos*** – pleasant, desirable, beautiful, enjoyable – good from human view

1. Spiritual fruit is the result of our spiritual life which is all that GHS produces in the life of a believer.
2. In the larger view, spiritual fruit includes everything the Spirit enables and produces in the bel’s life
3. Spiritual fruit is the divine good that results from our choices to access & utilize by faith the spiritual assets provided by GHS through the word of God, to every Church Age believer.
4. Only the believer in Christ is able to produce divine good because of the necessity of GHS to produce anything in the spiritual realm – there is nothing spiritual apart from the Holy Spirit
5. Spiritual fruit, divine good is the natural outworking of life being lived while surrendered to the influence of God’s word and operating by means of the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Divine Good & Human Good**

One of the most difficult concepts to understand is the difference between divine good & human good. Much of what passes as Christian good works is actually human good, making it worthless to God. This discussion will attempt to clarify the difference between divine good, which is acceptable to God and rewardable and human good which is rejected by God and worthy only to be burned at the JSC.

***Kalos*** – good from a human viewpoint; fitting with our own human agenda; pleasant, enjoyable

1. Human good is defined as good deeds that help fellow man apart from God or His plan
2. Human good furthers the human agendas of mankind for the purpose of enabling man to live apart from God
3. Human good serves mankind and glorifies man but doesn’t serve God nor does it glorify Him
4. Human good can be any act that people considers good that helps other people apart from God

***Agathos*** – good from God’s viewpoint; fitting only with His agenda/plan; **Mt 19:17** only God is good

1. Determining the value of the good we produce is based in what God thinks about it.
2. We often consider something good (***kalos***) because it supports our human, earthly agenda
3. God considers what we produce to be good (agathos) if it is inspired & empowered by GHS & furthers His agenda, the divine plan of God.
4. Motive is a key part of divine good - ***1 Cor 4:5*** *Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.*
5. Max production of divine good (agathos), also called fruit, comes from the mature believer.
6. The diving good produced through the believer’s life will be rewarded in eternity & stand forever
7. **AOS caused A/E to lose their +R standing before God & their –R standing has been passed down to every member of the human race – born sp. Dead, -R, separated from God**

**Rom 5:12** – Sin entered world thru one man – sin brought spiritual death & separation from God to all of us

* One man – Adam; sin entered into the world – she/he produced first human sin  -R
* Sin produced spiritual death  all mankind is now born spiritually dead.

1. All mankind inherits AOS; born into the realm of spiritual death; unable to produce spiritually

* Prior to salvation, nothing man does is spiritual & everything he does is dead and worthless to God

**Eph 2:1-3** - you were dead, dominated by the devil, the world & your own lust pattern

**Mt 19:17** – there is no one who is good (agathos) except God – agathos is pure divine good.

1. God operates in the realm of spiritual life, never in the realm of spiritual death – **1Jn 1:5; 1Cor**

**15:21-22; Jn 6:63**

1. **At the point of salvation, we are given eternal, spiritual life, transferring us from the realm of death to the realm of life in Christ, enabling us to produce spiritual, eternal good.**

**Col 1:13** For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

**Rom 5:21** as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord – grace rules our life because we were made +R in Christ by faith in the gospel

**Matthew 7:17** "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit; but the bad tree bears bad fruit.

Mt 5:16 - let your light shine (sp. Life) so men can see your good works & glorify GF

**1 Cor 3:12-15** Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is *to be* revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire – the fire reveals if our works were human good (burn up) or divine good (remain for reward)

1. **The production of divine good requires the believer be F/HS & motivated to further God’s agenda**

**Galatians 5:16-17** But I say, walk by the Spirit (submit to the Spirit), and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh (Old Man Belief System) sets its desire against the Spirit (New Man Belief System), and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another (opposing belief systems within the believer’s soul), so that you may not do the things that you please (OM motives interfere with walking in the Spirit).

* 1. Walk – ***peripateo*** – daily decisions that order your behaviors – how you choose to behave
  2. Desires/flesh - desire we have attached to the OM belief system, expecting fleshly pleasure, worldly gain or some other human possession or situation to fill the emptiness in the center of our being – **Jn 7:37-39**
  3. Desires/Spirit – desire attached to the New Man belief system empowered by the Spirit, expecting your experience of God to fill the emptiness within the center of your being.
  4. Opposition – inner conflict between our old habituated way of thinking, feeling and acting & our new spiritual way of thinking, feeling and acting, the victor is determined by who/what we choose to serve.

**1 Cor 4:1-5** Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy (faithful, consistent). 3 But to me it is a very small thing that I should be examined by you, or by *any* human court; in fact, I do not even examine myself. 4 For I am conscious of nothing against myself, yet I am not by this acquitted; but the one who examines me is the Lord. 5 Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, *but wait* until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of *men's* hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God.

* + - * 1. Stewards – ***oikonomos*** – a manager of household assets – Paul is a manager of the divine assets of the

Mystery doctrines that describe the ministry of the Spirit in the Church Age.

* + - * 1. Mysteries – ***musterion*** - that which awaits disclosure or interpretation; divine counsel and plans that have awaited disclosure and interpretation – truths not disclosed to OT believers & prophets.
        2. Examine – ***anakrino*** – examine, forensic examination to determine guilt – Paul refuses to examine himself for guilt and is content to wait for the Lord at the judgment seat of Christ.
        3. Motives ***– boule*** – plans, intentions, determinations – word for God’s eternal purpose, motives and plan

**Acts 2:23** this Man (Jesus), delivered up by the predetermined plan (boule) and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *Him* to death.

**Neither the unbeliever nor the carnal believer is able to produce divine good because agathos – divine good can only be produced by GHS, in and through the divinely motivated believer.**

1. **Human Good is any/all good deeds done by the unsaved, or carnal believers for the purpose of supporting, promoting or to bring honor to anyone but God – unspiritual + wrong motives**

**Col 1:15-16** – Christ is the Creator, all things were created by Him and **for Him** - everything is **for** **HIM**

* Ultimately, every moment of existence is intended to be fully devoted to Him – everything!!!
* HG uses God’s time entrusted to us for His glory instead we use it for our self – hijack His time
* HG is motivated to promote the self in some way: recognition, clear guilty conscience, seeking appreciation, thanks, gift in return – HG always expects something in return.
* Unbelievers will try to use their human good to persuade God to allow them into heaven Rev 20:11-15

Ex: **Globalism** – the attempt to pull the world together into a peaceful oneness, controlled by a benevolent government that measures out all the resources equally to all people - devil’s plan

Ex: **Give** food, clothing, money, etc. to the poor without bringing the gospel – bring both

1. **Divine Good is any/all deeds performed while F/HS & motivated to further the plan of God**

**F/HS –** empowered by God to perform deeds that glorify Him

**Motives –** the desire and/or intent to further God’s plan

**1Cor 3:12-14** – the fire will reveal the value of each person’s works – what is left is rewardable

**Rom 8:28** – God is the original source of good – makes ***agathos*** out of anything, even our failures

1. **After salvation the believer is the recipient of grace assets for the purpose of producing divine good as a manifestation of the victory of Jesus Christ 2 Thessalonians 2:16 -17.**

**2 Thes 2:16-17** Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, **17** comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work & word.

* God’s grace in action in the life of the believer is intended to bear fruit, producing divine good.

**John 15:16** "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you.

**Rom 7:4-5** Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God. **5** For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were *aroused* by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death.

**Col 1:6-10** the gospel that has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you heard *of it* and understood the grace of God in truth; 7 just as you learned *it* from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf, 8 and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit. 9 For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1. **Divine production of the spiritual life is experiential righteousness in the life of the mature believer.**
   1. Experiential Righteousness is God’s righteous thinking & will being lived in the believer

**Eph 5:8-9** for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth)

**Philippians 1:9-11** And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; 11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**Hebrews 12:11** All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

**James 3:17** But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. **18** And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

1. **The production of DG requires the believer to exchange their OM beliefs for the beliefs of Jesus, putting on the NM & living out of the NMBS.**

**Rom 12:2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

* You prove His will by living it out so that what comes from your life is His eternal work & good

**Eph 4:22** you were taught that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted by deceitful desires, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness & holiness from the truth.

* Transformation reprograms our thinking in the likeness of God, righteous & holy from the truth

1. **The motivation for our actions are part of the determination of their status of divine or human good.**
   1. Divine good is produced by the believer who desires to please God or promote His kingdom
   2. Human good is produced by the believer who desires to gain something for self – a return

**Proverbs 16:2** all the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, But the LORD weighs the motives.

* We generally think that we are right or we are blind to our own self deceptions
  1. Motives originating from our OSN & OM beliefs are often called selfish ambition

**Rom 2:8** – motivated by selfish ambition – rivalry;

**Phil 1:15-17** Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will; 16 the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; 17 the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my imprisonment.

**James 3:13-4:3** Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and *so* lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. 16 For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. 17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. 18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**4:1** What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have; *so* you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; *so* you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

* Nothing that we do while motivated for self or selfish ambition honors the Lord and so even the greatest sacrifice done to promote self will be rewarded in eternity