## The Fruit of the Spirit Is Faithfulness

Text: Psalm 89:1, 2, 14 and 1st Corinthians 4:2

God doesn't want to see valuable resources he bestows on His Children such as spiritual gifts, time, money, ability, and spiritual energy lost and unused.

The Lord commands we bear fruit in this life. Ref: Luke 12:48

All Christians we should be progressively growing in faithfulness, for we all will be judged "for our faithfulness."

As Spirit filled believers of Jesus Christ, "Christians," we desire to be faithful. We truly as "the born again" desire in our "heart" to be faithful. That desire must be there. Psalm 89:14

Righteousness, Justice, Love, and Faithfulness are the very foundation of the throne of God. They are fundamental aspects of the way God rules.

We must make sure all of our actions flow out of righteousness, justice, love, and faithfulness, because any unkind, unloving, dishonest action cannot possibly come from God and will not bear fruit.

The Bible gives us our motto: Ref: 1st Corinthians 4:2

What is faithfulness? Faithfulness is love hanging on. We cannot speak of love without implying faithfulness.

Love and faithfulness, go together.

How can you tell the Lord if you truly love Him?---Only by your faithfulness. Integrity is a by-product of faithfulness.

Faithfulness Is Love Hanging On

Hanging on, "in spite of" is what makes faithfulness worthy of trust. Where there is love there is faithfulness.

To be faithful is to be loving, trustworthy, dependable, and reliable, to be loyal and dedicated.

The most secure, fully spiritually developed, most honorable and most delightful persons I've had the privilege of knowing have given their allegiance, in all aspects of their lives to a cause much bigger than themselves.

Their loyalty demonstrates their trustworthiness, and builds depth of character. Faithfulness is Love Living Right

Righteousness is right living. It is loving faithfulness in relationship with Jesus Christ. Justice is love applied, treating all persons as loved ones are treated. Ref: Proverbs 14:22

Faithfulness is doing right, by other people always, in all circumstances. It can be tough love. It is love living right, even with those closest to us, who are not always loveable.

Faithfulness is love being patient.

When we feel like "faithless Christians," we need to recall the Apostle Paul's Galatian teaching on the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Calling them "fruit" emphasizes the truth that these virtues do not suddenly, spontaneously appear.

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is a reminder that it is not natural for us to be loving, and joyful, and peaceful, and patient, kind, good, and faithful. We must have "supernatural help."