**Being a Fruit Bearing Woman**

The fruit of the Spirit is a biblical term that sums up nine attributes of a person or community living in accord or agreement with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Galatians 5:22-23**

“But the fruit of the Spirit is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

**Love**

Love is a deep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to someone or something.

**The greatest commandment is to love \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

**Deuteronomy 6:5**

“and thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and with all thy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and with all thy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**The second greatest commandment is to love \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!**

**I John 4:7-8**

“Beloved, let us love \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**If we love one another His love is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in us!**

**I John 4:12**

“…If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

**If you love God then you must also love your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (I know that’s a hard pill to swallow)**!**

**1 John 4:20-21**

“If a man say, I love God, and hate his brother, he is a liar: for he that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ also. “

**Matthew 5:44**

“But I say unto you, Love your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…”

**Who are your enemies?**

People who have hurt you, cursed you, used you…whether it be family, so called friends, co-workers, or a perfect stranger…Pray for these people, learn to love them and forgive them! And in doing so another scripture will come to pass…

**I Peter 4:8**

“And above all things have fervent (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) charity (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**I Corinthians 13:4**

“Charity \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in sin, but rejoiceth in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; beareth all things, believeth all things, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all things, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ all things. Charity never \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…”

**Within love itself all nine fruits of the Spirit are revealed!**

**Joy**

The biblical definition of joy says that joy is a feeling of good \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that is dependent on who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is rather than on who we are or what is happening around us. Joy comes from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, abiding in God’s presence and from hope in His \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalms 16:11**

“…In thy presence is fullness of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.”

**The Kingdom of God is joy!**

**Romans 14:17**

“for the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the Holy Ghost.”

 **Once you receive the Holy Ghost, God becomes your joy!**

**Psalm 43:4**

“Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ joy:”

**Isaiah 12:2-3**

“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**Nehemiah 8:10**

“… For the joy of the Lord is your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**Being fruitful**

In the very first chapter of the first book of the Bible, the command is given to humankind to “be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”

 There are numerous instances of barrenness in the Bible - from the matriarchs Sarah, Rebecca and Rachel to Hannah and also Michal (Saul’s daughter). Often these biblical women suffered deep shame as a consequence, their barrenness attributed to some hidden wrong, sin or flaw.

 Yet we see in the instances of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Hannah that God blessed these women with children. They were fruitful because of their devotion to Jehovah. On the other hand Michal was not so fortunate…due to her mocking her husband David’s devotion to the LORD.

**John 15:1-2**

“ I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) . Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he take it away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) it, that it may bring forth more fruit.”

**John 15:5-9**

“I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth (\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with) in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_fruit; so shall ye be my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**Our fruit glorifies GOD!**

**John 15:16**

“… But I have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_…”