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PRODUCTION OF SPIRITUAL FRUIT
(Galatians 5:22-23)

I. What It IS and ISN'T

A. It is FRUIT, not DUTIES

1. Christian character is not the result of GOOD HABITS
2. God must produce HOLINESS in us before we can work it out in CHRISTIAN LIVING (Phil. 2:12-13)
3. God produces holiness in EVERY REGENERATE SOUL (1 John 3:9)
4. It is this ONGOING work of the SPIRIT that gives us POWER to be HOLY (Zech. 4:6)

B. It is FRUIT, not WORKS of the FLESH

1. It is produced by the activity of the HOLY SPIRIT within the believer
2. The work of the Holy Spirit produces truly SPIRITUAL fruit
   a. Provides the FOUNDATION for outward attitudes and actions
   b. Informs our THINKING so attitudes and actions are GODLY

C. It is a ninefold description of ONE INDIVISIBLE fruit

1. None of the virtues listed can exist ALONE
2. Each virtue LEADS TO the others

D. It is a production of CHRISTLIKENESS in the believer (Rom. 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18; Gal. 4:19)

II. How It Is Produced

A. In general

1. Produced through the activity of the HOLY SPIRIT

2. Not produced through human EFFORT or WILL power

B. In particular

1. Produced through His EXPOSURE of SIN in us
2. Produced through His REVELATION of CHRIST to us
3. Produced through His CONTROL of His PEOPLE
    a. Requires our WILLING SUBMISSION
    b. Involves the use of certain MEANS
        1) Uses the WORD OF GOD (Ps. 119:105)
            a) To ALERT us to DANGER
            b) To FEED and STRENGTHEN us
        2) Uses PRAYER (Rom. 8:26)
        3) Uses the ministry of the CHURCH and other BELIEVERS (1 Tim. 3:15; Eph. 4:11-12, 15)
        4) Uses AFFLICTION (Heb. 12:11; Ps. 119:71)

C. In conclusion: FRUITFULNESS depends on the state of the HEART

1. Not all produce the same QUALITY and QUANTITY of fruit (Matt. 13:8, 23)
2. But all TRUE believers bear SOME fruit (Luke 13:6-9; Matt. 3:7-8; Acts 26:20)
3. We must not be satisfied with producing MINIMAL fruit
    a. We must PURIFY our HEARTS
    b. We must respond wholeheartedly to the HOLY SPIRIT'S work within US