

Living Faith Christian Center (Newport News)
Bible Study
“Long-suffering”

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

What is fruit:

- a. Any product of plant growth useful to humans or animals.
- b. The developed ovary of a seed plant with its contents and accessory parts, as the pea pod, nut, tomato, or pineapple.
- c. The edible part of a plant developed from a flower, with any accessory tissues, as the peach, mulberry, or banana.
- d. The spores and accessory organs of ferns, mosses, fungi, algae, or lichen.
- e. Anything produced or accruing; product, result, or effect; return or profit.

So the fruit of the Spirit is the product of the Spirit that is useful, it is imparted as a seed, it comes from the maturing and flowering of the spiritual seed inside, it is released to make room for new growth, and it is a benefit and profit (proof) to you and others of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

NASB = Patience: the quality of being patient, [bearing provocation, annoyance, misfortune, delay, hardship, pain, etc., with fortitude and calm and without complaint, anger, or the like] as the bearing of provocation, annoyance, misfortune, or pain, without complaint, loss of temper, irritation, or the like.

An ability or willingness to suppress restlessness or annoyance when confronted with delay; quiet, steady perseverance; even-tempered care; diligence.

KJ = Long-suffering = long and patient endurance of injury, trouble, or provocation:

NIV = Forbearance = the act of forbearing [to refrain; hold back, to be patient or self-controlled when subject to annoyance or provocation]; a refraining from something, forbearing conduct or quality; patient endurance; self-control; an abstaining from the enforcement of a right; a creditor's giving of indulgence after the day originally fixed for payment. (fore = before it happens)

Ephesians 4:1–3: I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the (unbreakable) bond of peace.

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