

5 D THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT (COMES IN NINE DELICIOUS FLAVORS)

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I like to think of the fruit of God's Holy Spirit (Gal.6) in terms of colors and edible fruit, with unique characteristics.

The fruit of the Spirit is...

LOVE (agape) red strawberry

Red like blood, shed because of God's love for us.

JOY (chara) purple grape

The "fruit of the vine" in Scripture denotes joy and delight.

PEACE (eirene) olive color olive

The olive branch carried by the dove symbolizes "harmonious relationships between men."

PATIENCE/LONGSUFFERING (makrothumia) white coconut

Hard to open, and can float for years in salt water.

This is "a quality of self-restraint in the face of persecution which does not hastily retaliate or promptly punish."

GENTLENESS (chrestotes) pink peach

Gentle flavor.

"Goodness in action, expressing itself in deeds... grace, tenderness, and compassion."

GOODNESS (agathosune) green lime

Has a bite to it, but a good taste

"Good in its character or constitution, beneficial in its effects...(includes) sterner qualities, e.g. cleansing of the temple."

FAITH (pistis) blue blueberry

Delicate flavor, seeds almost imperceptible

Trust in evidence

"Firm persuasion, a condition based on hearing (God's word)."

MEEKNESS (prautes) yellow banana

Tasty, but easily bruised

“Temper of spirit in which we accept His dealings with us as good, and therefore without disputing or resisting...the opposite of self-assertiveness and self-interest.”

TEMPERANCE/ SELF-CONTROL (enkrateia) orange persimmon

Takes a long time to mature; tastes awful if you don't wait until it's ripe.

“The various powers bestowed by God upon man are capable of abuse; the right use demands the controlling power of the will under the operation of the Spirit of God.”

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