(3-22-15) THE REAL FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT! (AND SATAN'S IMITATION)

TEXT: Song of Solomon 7:10 I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me. 11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages. 12 Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves.

Luke 19:13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, **Occupy** till I come.

"*Occupy*: "To employ; to busy one's self. Every man should be occupied, or should occupy himself, in some useful labor."

(*Webster's*, 1828)

"Even so, Christians are not to be praised for neglecting duties **under the pretence of having secret fellowship with Jesus**: it is not sitting, but sitting at Jesus' feet which is commendable. Do not think that activity is in itself an evil: it is a great blessing, and a means of grace to us. Paul called it a grace given to him to be allowed to preach; and every form of Christian service may become a personal blessing to those engaged in it. Those who have most fellowship with Christ are not recluses or hermits, who have much time to spare, but indefatigable labourers who are toiling for Jesus, and who, in their toil, have Him side by side with them, so that they are workers together with God. Let us remember then, in anything we have to do for Jesus, that we can do it, and should do it in close communion with Him."

(Spurgeon)

Nehemiah 4:17 They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon.

"...let us lodge in the villages."

Luke 17:32 Remember Lot's wife.

Song of Solomon 1:16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant: also **our bed is green.**

"Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine flourish, whether the tender grape appear, and the pomegranates bud forth: there will I give thee my loves."

1. To children:

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful**, and multiply, and replenish the earth...

2. To saved people:

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

3. Good Works, Etc.

- **1 John 1:6** If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
- **1 John 2:4** He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.
- 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you.
- **1 John 3:7** Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous...
- 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil...
- **Romans 6:21** What **fruit** had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.
- 22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness
- **Ephesians 5:3** But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
- 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.
- 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.
- 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)
- 10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.
- 11 And have no fellowship with **the unfruitful works** of darkness, but rather reprove them.

2 Peter 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are

some things hard to be understood, which they that are **unlearned and unstable** wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, **beware** lest ye also, being **led away with the error of the wicked**, fall from your own stedfastness.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

- 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
- 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance...
- **1 John 5:2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present **seemeth to be joyous, but grievous**: nevertheless **afterward** it yieldeth the **peaceable fruit of righteousness** unto them which are exercised thereby.

29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Psalms 50:18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers.

Proverbs 24:24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him:

25 But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.

Proverbs 17:15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.

Malachi 2:17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them...

Proverbs 28:4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked: but such as keep the law contend with them.

Leviticus 19:17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine...

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is **first pure**, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits...

Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil...

1 Corinthians 15:33 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

"*Temperance* in eating and drinking is opposed to gluttony and drunkenness, and in other indulgences, to excess."

(*Web.*, 1828)

"...opposed to gluttony and drunkenness." (*Johnson's Dictionary*, 1834)

"Abstinence from alcoholic drink." (OxfordDictinaries.com)

Acts 24:25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, **temperance**, and judgment to come, Felix trembled...

"They say, 'You have not studied the proper meaning of the word *temperance*, it means self-government.' Now self-government, I suppose, is that a man may use moderately what will do him good, but also, that he has self-government enough to abstain from what will injure him!...as long ago as the time of Virgil, the word 'temperance' often meant 'total abstinence'...if temperance, that temperance which is the fruit of the spirit, means that a man should use moderately what is good, and abstain altogether from that which is poisonous...I am afraid it would be proved...that a great many people who say they are moved by the Spirit, are after all, destitute of that grace of the Spirit - temperance..." (*The London Tee-total Magazine*, 1840)

""Temperance,' observes Cicero, 'is the unyielding control of reason over lust...'...Temperance means not only frugality, but **also modesty** and self-government...The word temperance is derived from the latin tempero, which not only signifies to 'use moderation,' but 'to abstain' and 'to refrain'...We may with great propriety conclude, that physical temperance consists in **the moderate use of those things which are nutritious** and proper for human sustenance, and **in abstinence from everything which is injurious**..."

(Ralph Barnes Grindrod, Bacchus, an Essay on Intemperance, 1843)

"The Chancellor forgets that temperance means total abstinence from everything bad, and a moderate use of that which is good..." (*Laws of Health*, 1878)

"'By abstaining from sensual indulgences,' says Aristotle, 'we become temperate.'
Xenophon declares that the term 'temperance' means, first, moderation in healthful [things], and second, abstinence from things dangerous, as the use of intoxicating wines...St. Thomas Aquinas says: 'There are things contrary to soundness or a good condition of life, and the temperate man does not use these in any measure, for this would be a sin against temperance'..."

(The Cyclopaedia of Temperance and Prohibition, 1891)

1 Corinthians 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Mark 4:19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

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