

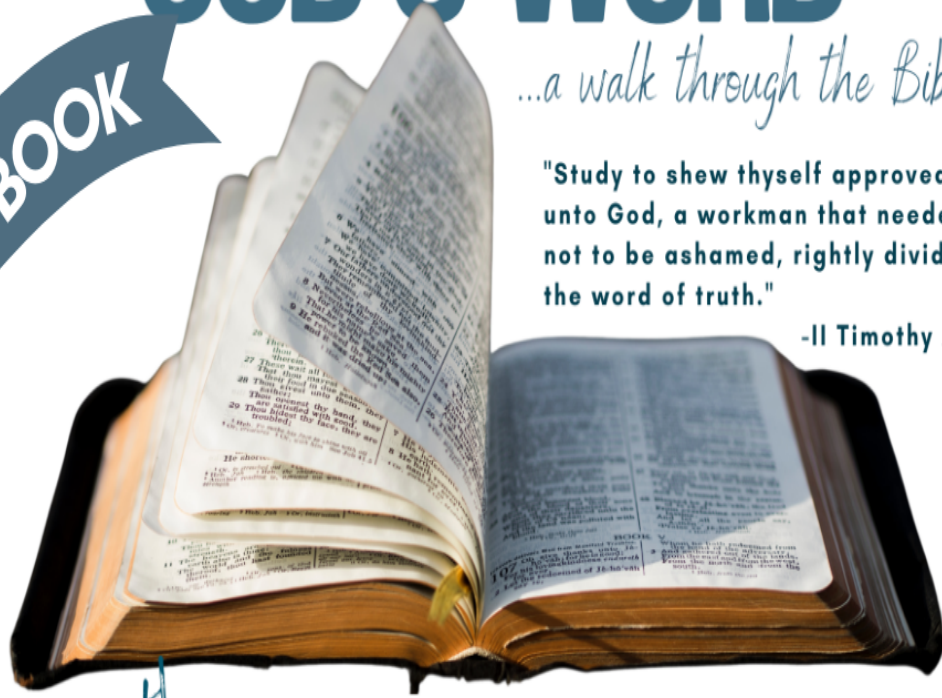
EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

WORK BOOK

...a walk through the Bible

**"Study to shew thyself approved
unto God, a workman that needeth
not to be ashamed, rightly dividing
the word of truth."**

-II Timothy 2:15

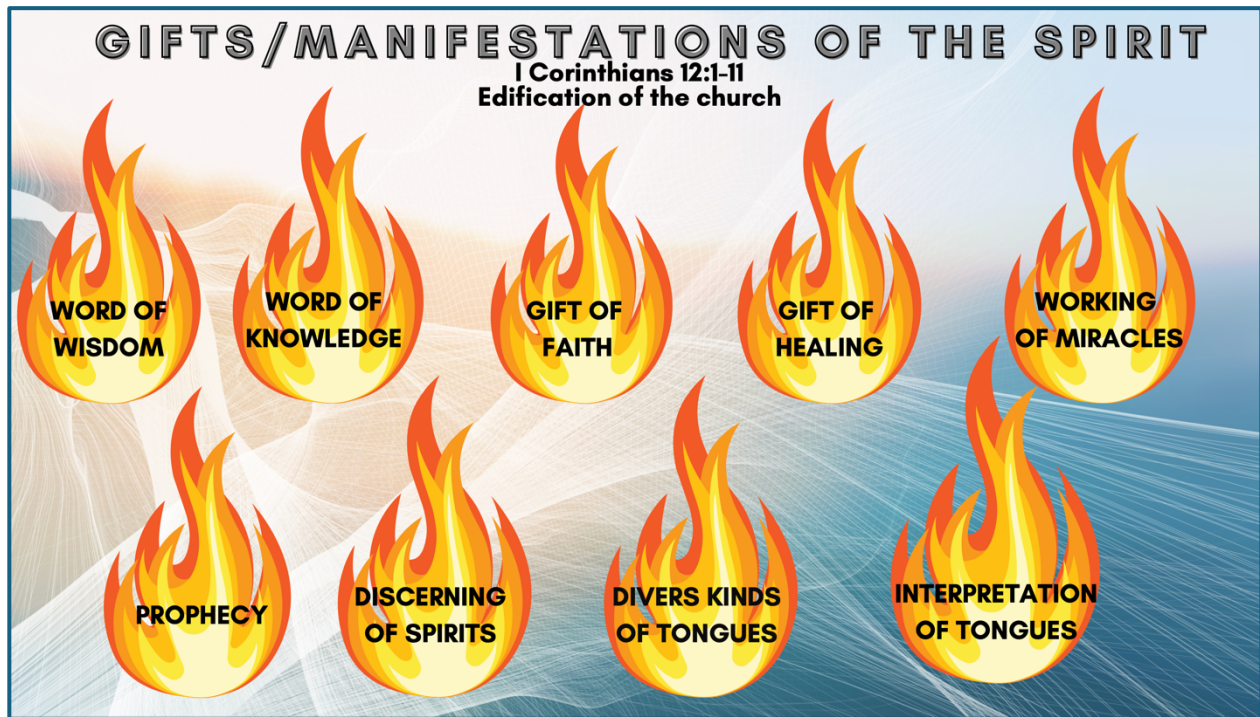


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LESSON 8

GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH



I CORINTHIANS 12:1-11 (MSG)

“What I want to talk about now is the various ways God’s Spirit gets worked into our lives. This is complex and often misunderstood, but I want you to be informed and knowledgeable. Remember how you were when you didn’t know God, led from one phony god to another, never knowing what you were doing, just doing it because everybody else did it? It’s different in this life. God wants us to use our intelligence, to seek to understand as well as we can. For instance, by using your heads, you know perfectly well that the Spirit of God would never prompt anyone to say “Jesus be damned!” Nor would anyone be inclined to say “Jesus is Master!” without the insight of the Holy Spirit.

4-11 God’s various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God’s Spirit. God’s various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful:

*wise counsel
clear understanding
simple trust
healing the sick
miraculous acts
proclamation
distinguishing between spirits
tongues
interpretation of tongues.*

All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. He decides who gets what, and when.”

1. In your own words, how do you think the manifestations/gifts of the Spirit benefit the church?

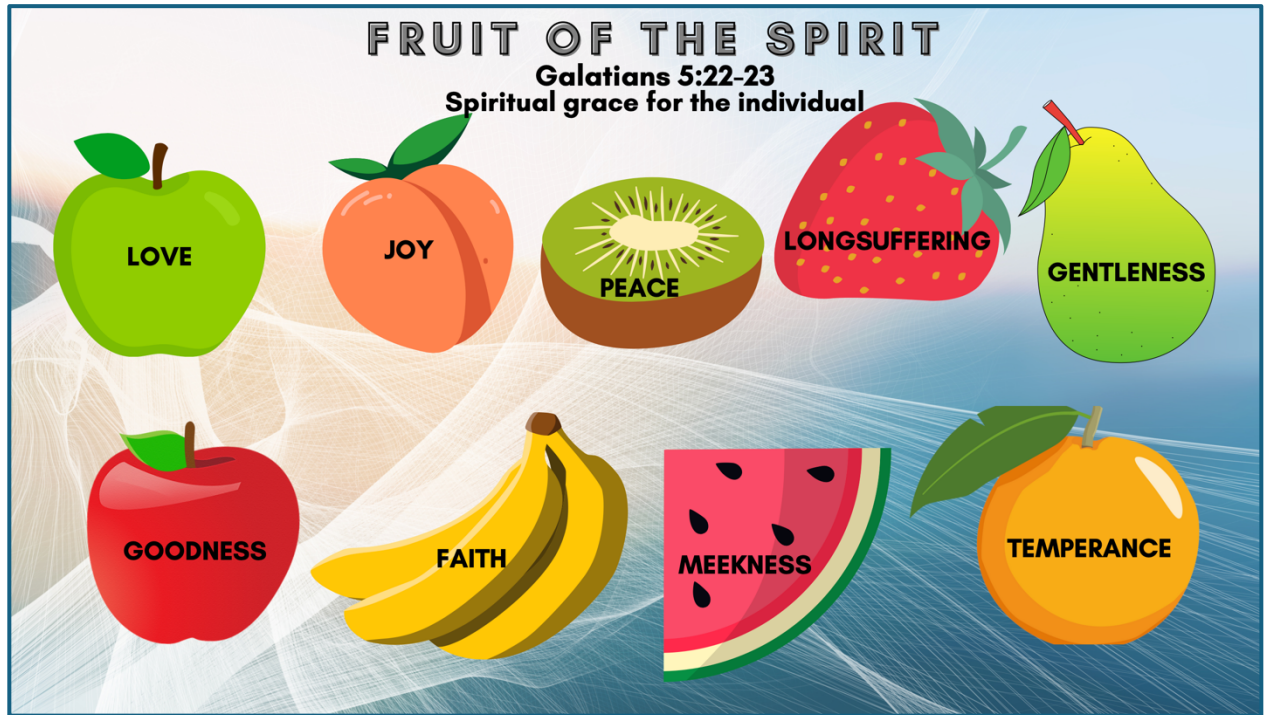
2. Which gift(s) of the Spirit do you have? How does it benefit the body of Christ?

3. If you could have any gift of the Spirit, which one would it be and why?

4. Where does Paul say the gifts of the Spirit come from?

NOTES:

SPIRITUAL GRACE



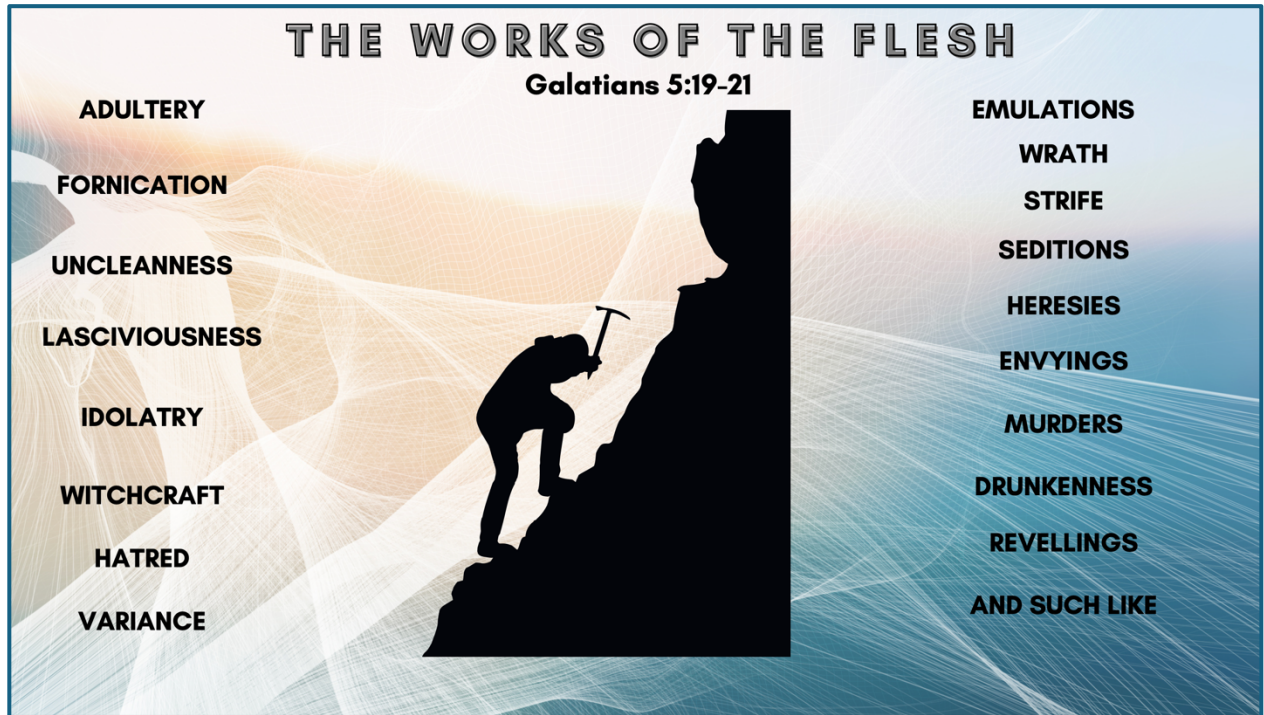
Galatians 5:22-23 (MSG)

“But what happens when we live God’s way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely.”

1. How many fruit of the Spirit are there? _____
2. Jesus said that we will know His disciples by their fruit. What do you think this means?

3. Which fruit of the Spirit do you best exhibit?

THE OLD MAN



Galatians 5:19-21

“It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community. I could go on.”

Write Romans 2:8-9 below: (You choose the version)

Fill in the blanks: (John 10:10 KJV)

The _____ cometh not, but for to _____, and to _____, and to _____: I am come that they might have _____, and that they _____ have it more _____.

1. How do the works of the flesh diminish the Spirit-Man?

