

“GOD’S PART AND MY PART FOR CHANGE”

Introduction: Three kinds of fruit

1) N _____ 2) B _____ 3) S _____

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) “²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

- Spiritual fruit is a _____.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV) “...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.”

- Key word to understanding: _____
- _____
- Spiritual workout: _____ part; _____ part

THREE TOOLS THAT GOD USES (GOD’S PART)

II Timothy 3:16-17 (LB) ¹⁶“The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives; it straightens us out and helps us do what is right. ¹⁷ It is God’s way of making us well prepared at every point, fully equipped to do good to everyone.

- God’s first tool is _____.

Romans 8:11 (NIV) “¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”

- God’s second tool is _____.

Romans 8:28 (Ph) “To those who love God, who are called according to His plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good.”

- God’s third tool is _____.

THREE CHOICES THAT WE MAKE (MAN’S PART)

1. Choose carefully what we _____.

Proverbs 4:23 (TEV) “Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.”

- “You’re not what you think you are!” But what you think, you _____.

Romans 12:2(b) (NLT) “... let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

- Think _____ → Feel _____ → Act

Colossians 3:16 (NIV) "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly..."

2. Choose to depend on the _____.

John 15:5 (NIV) ⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

- Your dependence on God is seen in your _____.
3. Choose how we respond to _____.

Romans 5:3-4 (NLT) ³"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation."

- Most important: God produces the fruit of the Spirit in us by allowing us to encounter situations full of exactly the _____ _____.

CONCLUSION: God needs _____ to ripen the fruit in your life.