

## **Fruit Walkers / God Talkers**

### **Galatians 5: 19-25**

<sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

<sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

<sup>21</sup> 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.

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## **Our relationship with God**

\* **LOVE** [brotherly love, affection, good will, love]

\* **JOY** [gladness, the joy received from the Lord, the cause or occasion of joy]

\* **PEACE** [the way that leads to peace (salvation) - the Messiah's peace - exemption from the rage and havoc of war]

## **Our relationship with Others**

\* **LONGSUFFERING** [patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance]

\* **GENTLENESS** [moral goodness, integrity]

\* **GOODNESS** [uprightness of heart and life, goodness, kindness]

## **The last three listed focus directly on Us [on the individual]**

\* **FAITH** [conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, generally with the included idea of trust and holy fervour born of God Faith - a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God]

\* **MEEKNESS** [gentleness, mildness, meekness]

\* **TEMPERANCE** [self-control (the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, esp. his sensual appetites)]

### Galatians 5: 16-17

“<sup>16</sup> This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

<sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would”

\* Fruit Walkers and God Talkers – all us to do the things we need to do.

### Judges 3:1-2 (KJV)

“1 Now these are the nations which the Lord left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan;  
2 Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof...”

**God tested His people to see who would really obey and follow Him**

This passage spells out a few significant points:

\* The Israelites who were to be tested were identified as those who had not yet experienced fighting against the enemy, who had not yet conquered any of the promised - land

This refers to all generations of Israelites who succeeded Joshua, all who had not learned to fight in the conquest of the promised – land

\* Now this I believe is a very powerful NOW WORD for this generation!  
\* Fruit Walkers and Fruit Talkers need understand just how important the ACTIVE Fruit of God needs to be in our life!

**The Expositor's Bible Commentary says this:**

\* These new generations of Israelites had not participated in Joshua's wars of occupation and needed to learn how to fight

\* Israel would one day confront major powers like Egypt and Assyria; so the smaller wars against the nations of Canaan provided valuable training.

\* David, for example, not only fought against the Philistines; David lived among them and learned their military skills.

## Key Here: David lived among them and learned!

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\* Lessons learned from Old Testament Saints - following God while living in the midst of their enemies teach us lessons of living for today.

### Judges 3:4 (KJV)

“And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the Lord, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses”

\* The period addressed in the book of Judges is a period of time defined by lawlessness, rebellion and moral failure among the people of Israel

\* They were in desperate need of a move of God

**The whole attitude of Israel during the time of the judges can be summed up in the words of where the Bible says:**

### Judges 17: 6 [KJ]

“In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes”

### Judges 21: 25 [KJ]

“In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes”

### God had redeemed Israel from Egyptian bondage

\* He led them for forty years through a wilderness

\* He brought them safely into the land of Canaan and promised to defeat all their enemies, if only they would walk with Him in holiness

**The reason they were commanded to do this was because Israel was *to be different from all the people around them***

### Deuteronomy 7: 6

**“For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth”**

- \* A Holy People – get this – Holy unto the LORD thy God
- \* A chosen people – unto himself
- \* Above all – simply different – than all on the face of the earth

### Judges 3:9-11 (KJV)

**“And when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, even Othniel [oth-nee-ale'] the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.**

**10 And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the Lord delivered Chushanrishathaim [koo-shan' rish-aw-thah'-yim] king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushanrishathaim [koo-shan' rish-aw-thah'-yim]**

**11 And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died”**

- \* *Othniel* - His name means **“The Lion Of God”**
- \* He was a man who lived up to his name

**The Word of God teaches us a great lesson on exemplifying Godly leadership and allowing the Fruit of the Spirit to manifest as to touch generations**

### **OTHNIEL: THE LION OF GOD**

- \* Because Israel refused to walk with the Lord like He commanded them to, He refused to drive out all their enemies in the land of Canaan.

**Israel was forced to live alongside the very people they had been sent to destroy**

- \* We are to be Fruit Walkers and God Talkers in the midst of our enemies

## Judges 3: 1-4: Tells us why God left the people in the land

### Look at His reasons

#### Judges 3: 1

“Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan...”

- \* He left them there to prove Israel
- \* The word “*prove*” means “*to put to the test*”
- \* God allowed the pagans to live around His people to test Israel

#### Judges 3: 1-4 [Message]

“1-4 These are the nations that God left there, using them to test the Israelites who had no experience in the Canaanite wars.

He did it to train the descendants of Israel, the ones who had no battle experience, in the art of war.

He left the five Philistine tyrants, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites living on Mount Lebanon from Mount Baal Hermon to Hamath's Pass.

They were there to test Israel and see whether they would obey God's commands that were given to their parents through Moses”

- \* His people were tested to see how they would live when surrounded by the wicked
- \* His people were tested to see if they would keep His commandments or not

### He left them there to teach new generations about spiritual warfare

- \* God wanted them to learn the lessons of battle their fathers had known
- \* God wanted them to be strong and to know how to fight the enemy when he came around
- \* There is a spirit behind the enemy – we do not battle in the flesh
- \* Remember Galatians teaches us the manifestations of the flesh
- \* The enemy of God is constantly manifesting the works of the flesh

**This is why we must be Fruit Walkers and God Talkers!**

### Judges 3: 5-7 [KJ]

“And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites:

6 And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves”

- \* These verses give us the ugly details of Israel’s first great failure
- \* When they did stands as a stark warning to the people of God in any age
- \* What Israel did then is what we see people doing all around us today
- \* Notice how they compromised the Word of God and the will of God to do the things they wanted to do

### **Interaction With The Canaanites**

\* The Bible says that the children of Israel “*dwelt among*” the various tribes of Canaan

\* The word “*dwelt*” has the idea “*of settling down; of setting up housekeeping*”

**Living among them, took only a very short time for their former enemies to become their new neighbors**

### 2 Corinthians 6: 17

“ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you”

### Titus 2: 11-15 [KJ]

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,  
 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. 15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee”

## Need I remind you that we are a “peculiar people”

\* That does not mean we are weird, it means that we are *“His special possession”*

**He loved us, He chose us, He send His Son to die for us; He redeemed us and bought us:**

### 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**“What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?**

**20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's”**

\* When we refuse to walk in His will and honor His Word in our lives, we also open the floodgates of sin that eventually overwhelm us and drown us in its turbulent currents.

\* It is a dangerous thing for a child of God to live like the world around him!

## **Conclusion**

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## **INTENTIONS**

**You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do.**

**Henry Ford**

**It's always easy the night before to get up early the next morning.**

**Source Unknown**

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**“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit”**

**Deuteronomy 5:4**

**The LORD talked with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire”**

- \* **The Lord talking with Moses / The Ten Commandments Reviewed**
- \* **From midst of the Fire**

**Deuteronomy 6:7**

**“You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up”**

- \* **They were to teach them DILIGENTLY to their children**
- \* **And TALK of them in your home and as you walk with them**
- \* **Simply all the TIME**