

**What is
the Fruit
of the
Spirit?**

BUILDING BLOCKS

**The Spirit's
Fruit:
PATIENCE**

Part 5

In **John 15:5**, Jesus taught this foundational truth:

"I am the _____; you are the _____.
Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that
bears much _____."

What **sort** of fruit?

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience... (Gal 5:22)

What is patience? It's being **willing** to _____...

Be **patient**, therefore, brothers and sisters...
(James 5:7)

...but it's *more* than just being willing to wait if it's the
fruit of the Spirit. The Spirit's fruit is being willing to
wait, *and* _____ in God. Listen to the way
James 5:7-9 puts it:

Be patient, therefore, brothers and sisters, until the
_____ of the Lord. See how the farmer
_____ for the precious fruit of the earth, being
patient about it, until it receives the early and the
late rains. You also, be patient. _____
your hearts, for the coming of the
Lord is at hand. Do not grumble
against one another, brothers, so
that you may not be judged;
behold, the Judge is standing at
the door.



When we walk by the Spirit, connected to Jesus, we'll
bear the fruit of **patience** because we **trust** in God.

"As for that in the good soil, they are those who,
hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good
heart, and bear **fruit** with **patience**." (Luke 8:15)

For Class & Family Discussion:

- Does this **patience** always come **naturally** to us? If not, why not? What might be getting in the way?
- Lots of people talk about **patience** as "being willing to wait," but why is it really important that we understand the Spirit's fruit *also* involving "trusting in God" as we wait?
- Can you think of people in the Bible who were willing to wait, trusting in God?
- The coming of the Lord is referenced three times in **James 5:7-9**. What does that have to do with patience?
- What's the big deal with "grumbling"? (**James 5:9**)
- Why is it so important that we "**establish**" our hearts (**James 5:8**)? What does that mean?
- How does "**walking by**" the Spirit (**Gal 5:16**), following the "**lead**" of the Spirit (**Gal 5:18**), "**keeping in step**" with the Spirit (**Gal 5:25**) and "**sowing to**" the Spirit (**Gal 6:8**) produce the fruit of **patience**?