

The fruit of the spirit is not a seasonal fruit

"preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." 2 Timothy 4:2

For Christians there is no off season to take a rest from being christlike, we are always to be producing the fruit of the spirit but we do not grow weary in doing good works because we are grafted into the grape vine who is Christ Jesus.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

When we bear the fruit of the spirit we are refreshing to those around us because we reflect the characteristics of Christ. Carrying the fruit isn't always easy but we are promised to be refreshed.

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

It's not always easy to bear fruit,

"But the one who endures to the end will be saved." Matthew 24:13 will you endure and bare His fruit till the end or will your fruit die in the winter seasons? Will it be the storms that take you out? Or will it be a brother or sister at church that offends you and talks about you that will take out your fruit?

No, we are to bear fruit in all seasons, all storms and every situation; if they choose evil, choose to show them Christ through the fruit of love.

Every situation requires different uses of different fruits. For that overdue electric bill choose the fruit of faith. For that flat tire on the way to work choose self control to not use profanity, then use the fruit of patience to get that spare on!

But the testing of our faith builds endurance! Each test will grow your fruit or shrink your fruit if you let it. Choose to be fruitful, choose Jesus and let your fruit always be in season!

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