

You Asked For It:

What is the Difference Between the Gifts and the Fruit of the Spirit?

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. ⁷ If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. ⁸ If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all.⁵ There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord.⁶ God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

⁷ A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. ⁸ To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.

The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. ¹⁰ He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said.

It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (NLT)

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.¹² Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NLT)

THE DIFFERENCE: THE FRUIT DEFINE OUR _____ AND THE GIFTS
EQUIP US FOR _____.

ANOTHER DIFFERENCE: FRUIT IS _____, GIFTS ARE _____.

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

1 Corinthians 13:1 (NLT)

I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.

Philippians 1:9 (NLT)

So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

James 2:17 (NLT)

For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith expressing itself in love.

Galatians 5:6 (NLT)

In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, ⁶ and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone.

2 Peter 1:5-7 (NLT)

The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins.

2 Peter 1:8-9 (NLT)

- WE ALL HAVE A _____ OF FAITH.

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.

Romans 12:3 (NLT)

The apostles said to the Lord, "Show us how to increase our faith."

Luke 17:5 (NLT)

The Lord answered, "If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you!"

Luke 17:6 (NLT)

"How long has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father.

He replied, "Since he was a little boy. ²² The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can."

²³ "What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes."

²⁴ The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!"

Mark 9: 22-24 (NLT)

- WE HAVE TO _____ THE MEASURE OF FAITH WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN.

APPLICATION: TO GROW IN FAITH IS TO GROW IN _____.