



# The Disciple of Christ: Growing & Fruitful 2 Peter 1:3-8 Part 1

- God has given you everything you need to have a spiritual life of **power**, godliness, and fruitfulness. vs. 3
- “*And ye are complete in him (Christ), which is the head of all principality and power.*” **Colossians 2:10**
- As you learn to grow and walk in total faith in Jesus Christ, spiritual fruit is the natural outgrowth. Let’s examine the fruit of a growing disciple of Jesus Christ.

## 1. **First fruit: virtue.**

- This means “moral **courage**.”
- “*...Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.*” **Romans 12:9b**
- Through faith in Christ, we put away the works of **darkness** and walk as children of light.
- “*For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*” **Ephesians 5:8-11**

## 2. Second fruit: **knowledge**.

- Christ's Spirit lives within to **fill** you with the knowledge of God.

*"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."* **1 Corinthians 2:11-12**

## 3. Third fruit: **temperance**.

- Temperance carries the idea of **restraint**.
- Temperance is when your **fleshly** appetite is restrained and controlled.
- Temperance is a fruit of the **Spirit**.
- Trying harder will not bring temperance. Temperance is found in **trusting** Christ to live through you.

*"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."* **Galatians 5:16**

### **Are you a growing and fruitful disciple of Jesus Christ?**

- *"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."*  
**2 Peter 3:18**
- Your greatest need is simply to **grow** in the grace and knowledge of your relationship with Christ.