

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

As we set out on this path of disciple-making, think of this handout as a friendly reminder of how the Holy Spirit helps grow Christ's character in us and prepares us for ministry. Use each section to reflect and grow as you make disciples, who make disciples.

LOVE

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."
(John 13:34 ESV)

Christ's sacrificial love for us empowers our love for others.

How does His love compel you to serve and lead with genuine affection, even when it's challenging?



JOY

"You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16:11 ESV)

True joy is not dependent on circumstances but is rooted in God's presence.

How do you intentionally cultivate His presence daily to sustain your joy amidst the demands of ministry?



PEACE

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."
(Colossians 3:15 ESV)

The peace of Christ guards our hearts and minds.

In moments of conflict or anxiety, how can you surrender to His peace to guide your decisions and interactions within your team or church?



PATIENCE

"We urge you, brothers and sisters, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone."
(1 Thessalonians 5:14 NASB)

Patience is a reflection of God's enduring character toward us.

Where in your leadership or personal life are you being called to extend greater patience, remembering God's long-suffering love?



KINDNESS

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32 ESV)

God's kindness draws us closer to Him.

In what practical ways can your words and actions today demonstrate tangible kindness and tenderheartedness to those you serve and lead?



GOODNESS

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10 ESV)

Goodness is an active outflow of a transformed heart.

What specific opportunities can you seize this week to do good and be a blessing, both within your church and to your community?



FAITHFULNESS



"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23 ESV)

God is utterly faithful, and He calls us to reflect that.

How can you demonstrate unwavering faithfulness in your walk with Christ, your ministry responsibilities, and your commitments to others?

GENTLENESS

"Let your gentle spirit be known to all people. The Lord is near." (Philippians 4:5 NASB)

A gentle spirit is a powerful witness to Christ's humility.

In your leadership, where strength is often valued, how can you embody gentleness, reflecting Christ's approach to those He led and served?



SELF-CONTROL

"A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls." (Proverbs 25:28 ESV)

Self-control is essential for spiritual maturity and effective ministry.

Where do you need God's strength to exercise greater discipline in your thoughts, words, actions, or habits for His glory and the good of your ministry?

