

I. CONTRAST BETWEEN FRUIT AND GIFTS.

1 Corinthians 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. ⁸ For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; ⁹ To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

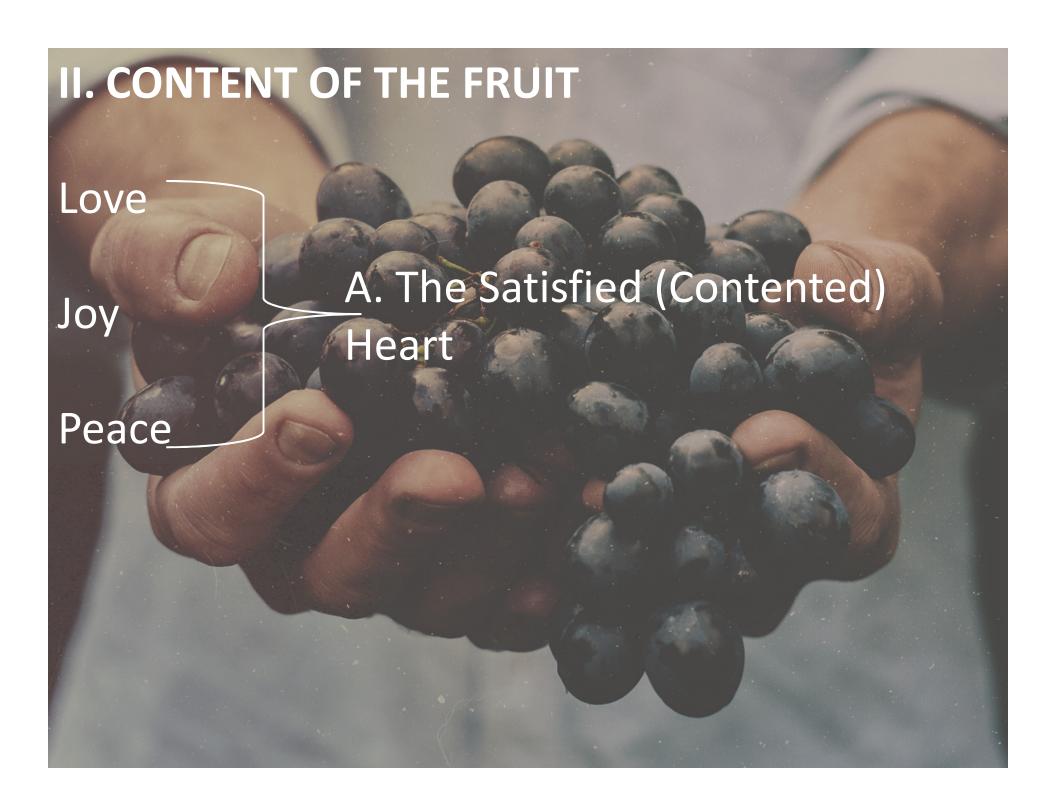
1 Corinthians 12:29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

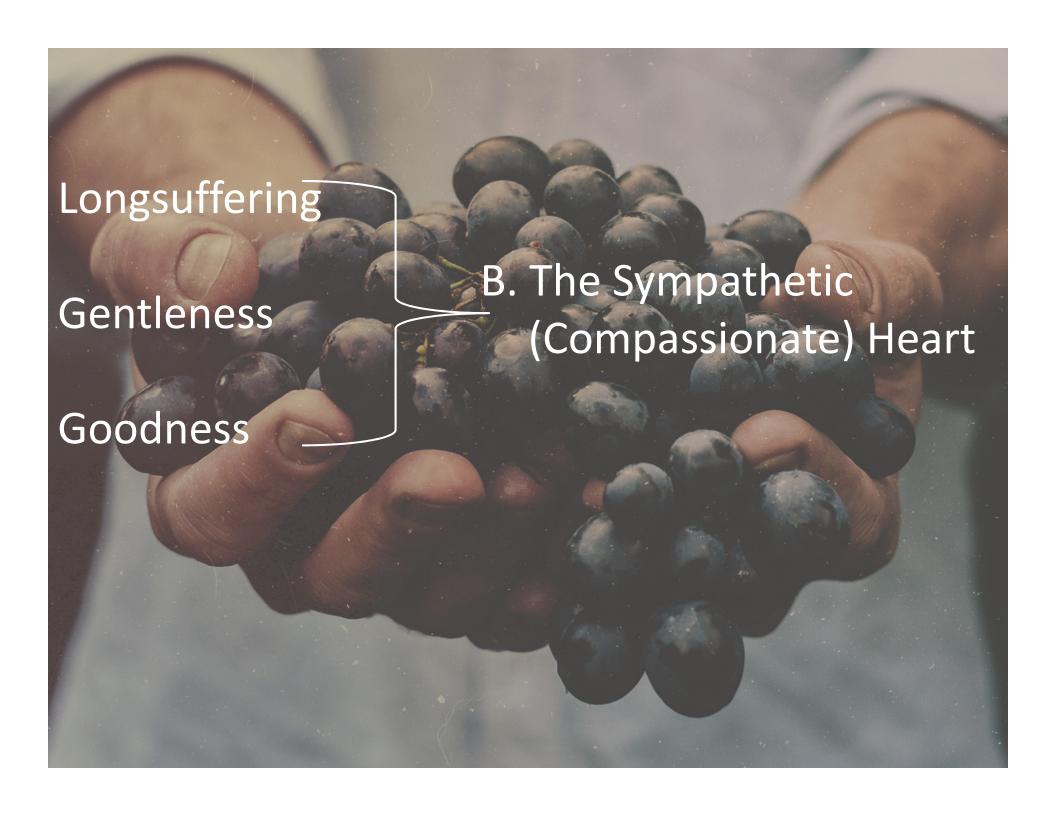
Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

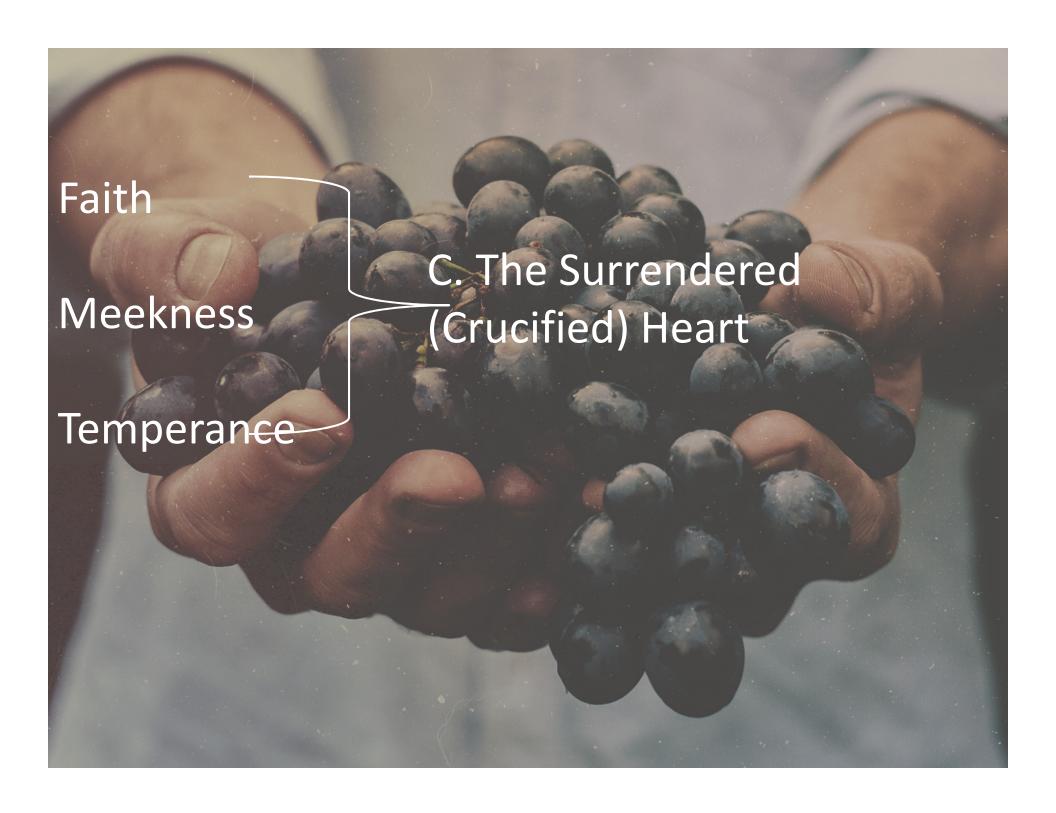
Both gifts and fruit are from the Holy Spirit.

Gifts are given; fruit is developed.

Gifts are in singularity; fruit is in commonality.







III. THE CULTIVATION OF THE FRUIT.

John 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

³ Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

⁶ If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

⁷ If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

⁸ Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

 Abide menō: to remain, to continue to be present. Webster: "to remain stable or fixed in a state."

What are the hindrances to abiding in Jesus? The world, the flesh and the Devil.

The clusters of fruit are not items that can be produced by the will of the believer.

Television and movie themes and fictional novels:

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;

Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations,

wrath,
strife,
seditions,
heresies,
Envyings,
murders,
drunkenness,
revellings,
and such like:

of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.