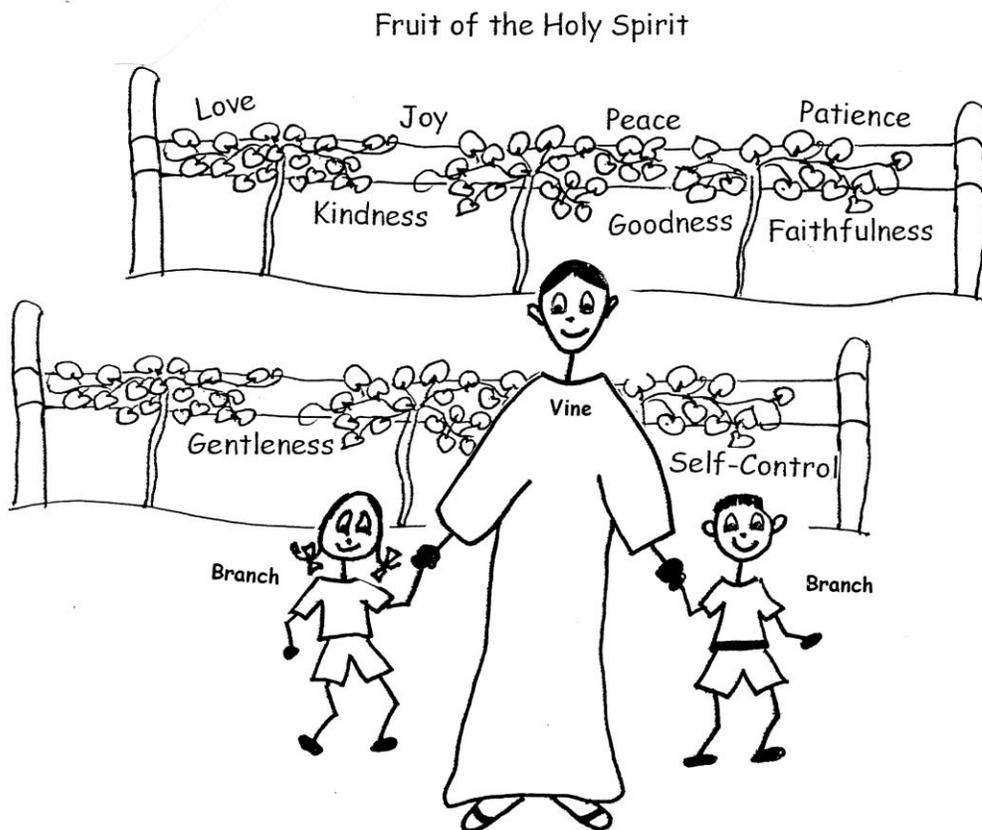


# Fruit of the Spirit

## Self-Control

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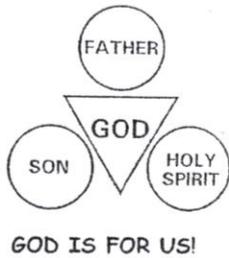


Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, **joy**, **peace**, **patience**, **kindness**, **goodness**, **faithfulness**, **gentleness**, and **self-control**; against such things there is no law [we can't do works to experience them; we study and the Holy Spirit gives us understanding so we can experience them].

The Holy Spirit is busy helping us to understand and experience self-control. This self-control comes from the power of the Holy Spirit and God's word in our souls. It is a supernatural gift and needs supernatural power - God's power! It means to have the right priorities, which means a time for everything. This means being organized.

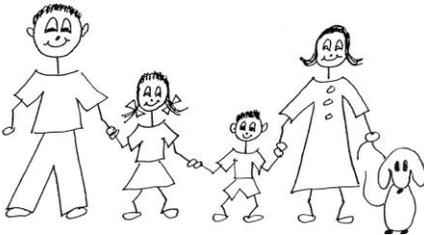
A Time For God - Always!

A Time For Studying God's Word

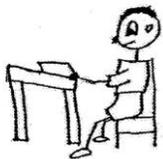


A Time For Family

A Time for Friends



A Time For Our Job

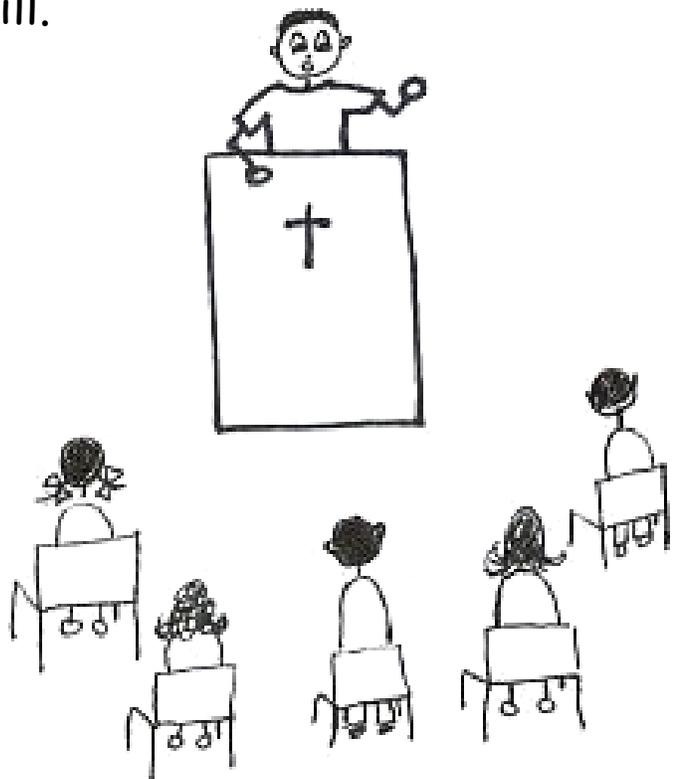


A Time For Homework



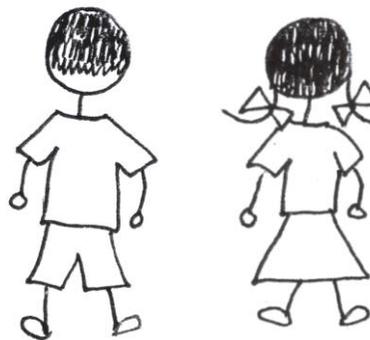
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven...

How can we be organized? We can learn, believe, and use God's word daily. We need to get into a routine of putting God first in our lives. This means doing it over and over and over. Then we will be in the habit of learning, believing, and using His word. We will be taking charge of our lives. It is our choice to put God first, but it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we will learn to be self-controlled! Being organized is taking what we learn about God's supernatural gift of self-control and through the power of the Holy Spirit, using it to follow God's will.



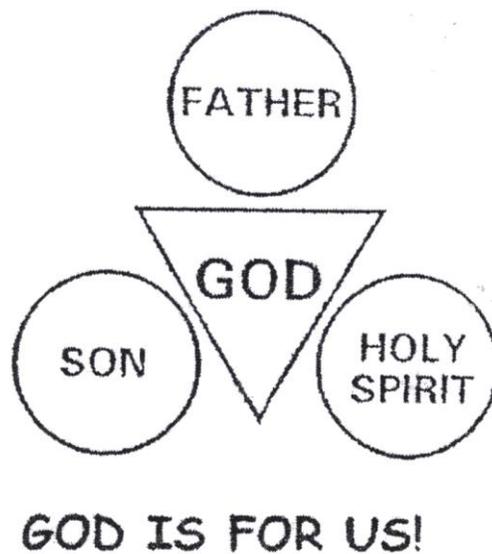
Proverbs 16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he who rules his spirit [**self-control**], than he who captures a city.

If we don't understand and use God's gift of self-control, we won't be able to protect ourselves from the attacks of the world and our flesh, which is sin in our body. We'll let human viewpoint control our thinking. We'll let our emotions control our thinking. Our right priorities will be replaced by wrong priorities. We'll be disorganized. HELP!



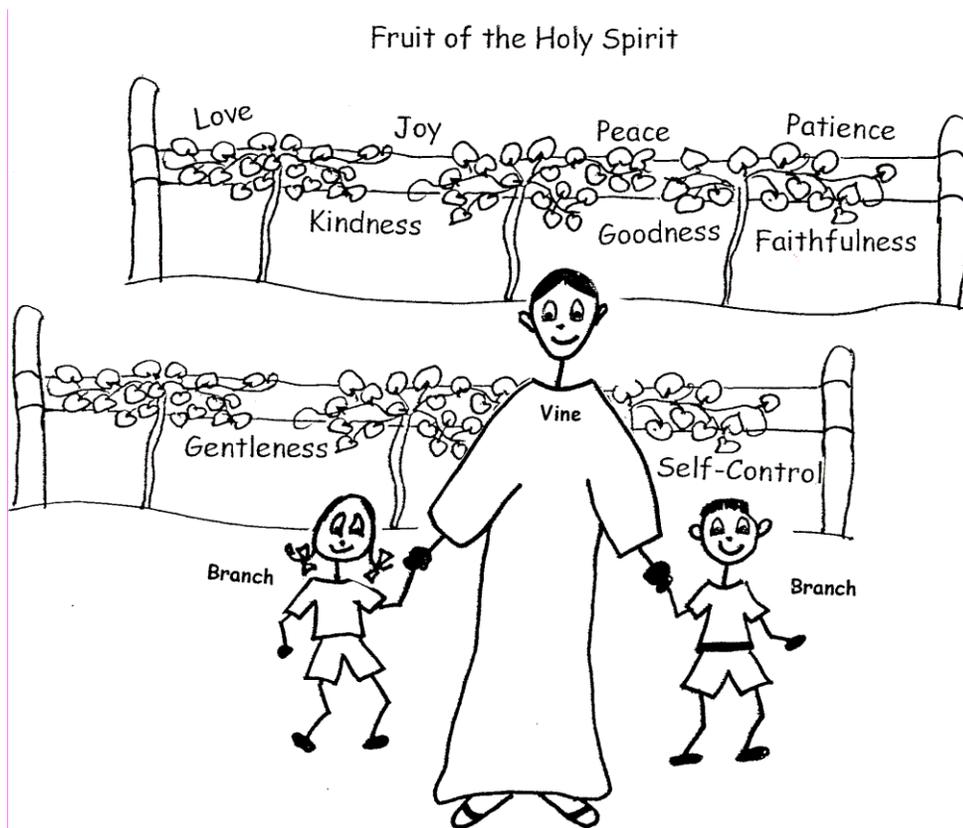
Proverbs 25:28 Like a city that is broken into and without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit.

God the Holy Spirit's gift of supernatural self-control is different from the self-control we have in the flesh, or when we are independent from God. God's gift is based on His thinking, the Bible. We have available in the Bible all we need to know so, through the power of the Holy Spirit we can use His gift of self-control. God wants us to be dependent on Him and His word. If we aren't dependent on God, we are dependent on ourselves and the world. That will only get us confused and anxious. God made us to depend on Him. When we are in control without God's power, we're really out of control! We need God to "steer our ship" with supernatural self-control.



2 Peter 1:5 Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your **self-control**, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ understood and used supernatural self-control. He had to in order to make it to the cross without sinning. Through the power of the Holy Spirit He studied God's word, grew in the knowledge of God, and in the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. He showed these parts of the fruit while serving others on earth. Jesus had the fruit of the Spirit to the max! He showed us the way to have it also! Abide in the Vine!



1 Peter 1:13-16 Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be **self-controlled**; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He Who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am Holy."