

APPLICATION

Jesus said that you can tell the quality of a tree by its fruit. A good tree will not consistently produce bad fruit and a bad tree will not consistently produce good fruit. You will know a tree by its fruit.

The same is true of our personality or character. It will produce fruit, especially through the relationships that we embrace and develop through time. The people that we choose to be around, and the people that choose to be around us, will affect both us and them. The relationships that we spend the most time in will affect us the most. Our friend's personalities affect the way we think, talk, act and believe.

This is also true with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit wants to influence us. But, if we do not embrace the Holy Spirit and spend time with Him then the Holy Spirit's good personality will have little affect or influence on us. This is serious because the Holy Spirit is Jesus' presence with us.

Seek this week to spend more time with the Holy Spirit. Ask Him to speak to you, lead you, convict you, help you and to make you more aware of His presence.

Then when you feel the Holy Spirit's personality wanting to influence and affect you, go with it! There is no law against the Holy Spirit's personality or character.

Prayer

Father, forgive us when we have rejected the influence of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us for rejecting Jesus' presence and influence when we did. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, make us aware of His presence. Help His personality to rub off on us and make us more like Him. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Freedom Groups were created with the belief that we are all on a journey through life and that our heart's desire is to be free to be all that we can be. Yet there are many setbacks, heartaches and road blocks along the way. Trying to overcome the issues we face in life by ourselves just does not work. We are all the same, no one is different. We need others to help us successfully walk our journey to freedom. Everyone is invited on this freedom journey.



Personality of The Holy Spirit

NOTES

WARM-UP

- Have you ever experienced a time when you were with a group of people and someone else came and joined in what you were doing and it changed the group or activity?
- Have you ever had people tell you that you change the way they feel when you are around? If so how?

WORD

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

I am privileged to be able to be a part of several different companies. One of those companies is a retail coffee shop. From time to time we have to hire a new employee to replace an employee who is moving on. This change in personnel can have a very big impact on the business.

Having to hire employees gives you a much different perspective on people. Each person has their own unique personality. They have their own unique way of presenting themselves to the public, dealing with conflict, learning new things, communicating with others, doing their job, fitting in and representing the business!

Each group of people has its own unique dynamics or personality too! The group's personality is based on who is in the group. So when a person leaves the group, or when another person joins the group, the group changes. Each person automatically bring with them their own unique personality. Their personality naturally affects all the people around them.

In hiring you are determining who you are going to invite to be a representative of your business. Their personality will come with them and change things, either for good or for bad. This is not only true for businesses but for our personal lives too. Who we invite into our lives will change our lives!

1 - Inviting Jesus

Since those we have in our lives affects our lives, wouldn't we want to have good people around us? If we want good people around us, why not have the very best we can get? Throughout history people have considered Jesus to have been the very best. Jesus promised that if we would open the "door" of our lives to Him and welcome Him in He would come and be with us. Jesus, just like everyone else has a personality that He brings into our lives. Having heard about Jesus, or already having Him in your life, what are some of the personality traits of Jesus that you know about?

2 - Holy Spirit's Personality

I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of Truth. I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you. John 14:16-17a, 18

Jesus promised to be with us forever when we believe, trust in and follow Him. He said He would be with us through the presence of His Holy Spirit. When we invite Jesus into our lives the Holy Spirit comes to be with us. Just as with anyone else, the Holy Spirit has a personality and He brings that personality with Him. Galatians 5:22-23 tells us of some of the personality traits of the Holy Spirit. This verse call them fruits because it recognizes that the Holy Spirit's personality will affect our lives in these ways. Read Galatians 5:22-23 again together as a group. List and discuss the personality traits of the Holy Spirit. Are the Holy Spirit's traits the same as Jesus' traits? What does this say about Jesus and the Holy Spirit? What does this tell you about the Spirit's personality?

3 - Good Affects!

Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:23

Unfortunately, the reality is that not everyone's personality will have a positive affect on us. There is a proverb that says, "Bad company corrupts good character." This is to say, in yet another way, that the people in our lives affect us. How? Through their personality and actions which influence us. Galatians tells us that their is no law against the affects of the Holy Spirit's personality in our lives. The Holy Spirit's personality only brings good affects.

Do we each individually have good affects on others? Do our personalities build other up or do they, as the proverb says, "corrupt good character?" What are the fruits of our relationships?

These questions are especially challenging for the Christian because we have the Holy Spirit's personality within us. This should affect us. His personality should rub off on and affect ours.

In what specific personality traits have you grown to be more like the Holy Spirit? What personality traits of the Holy Spirit do you need to allow Him to develop more in your life?