



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
3/1/26

Home Worship Guide

Fruit of the Spirit: Part 2

Some people say “Fruits” of the Spirit, when it is “Fruit.” You see, the Spirit isn’t broken into these different parts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The Holy Spirit in you gives you all of these as a gift of having the Spirit in your heart.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Kindness

Read: Romans 2:4, Col. 3:12, Gal. 5:22-23

As Paul refers to the “kindness” of the Holy Spirit in the Galatians 5, it is also referring to the kindness of God. God gives and shows His kindness for a reason. That reason is not hidden or secret but is made evident to us in Romans 2:4. His kindness is meant to draw sinners to Himself so those sinners might repent and be saved. It is the carrot God uses to bring a hopeless people to Himself.

We want a God who is kind. We benefit from His kindness. Those who do not come unto God and receive His kind mercies and grace are doomed to receive God’s wrath. If you follow Paul’s line of thought in Romans 2, you will recognize Paul’s point is the same. For those whose hearts remain hard and impenitent, God’s wrath is being stored up for those people. Thank God for His kindness that leads us to repentance from our sins, which in turn leads to a life with God eternally.

First and foremost, God’s kindness is what draws us close to Him and leads us to repentance. It also provides us with a template on how to imitate God (Ephesians 5:1) in His kindness. Colossians 3:12 is in the heart of Paul’s discourse on what our new selves should look like when we come to faith in Christ. We are told to put on many attributes of God, one of which is kindness. Much like God’s kindness, our kindness to others should bring awareness of the kindness of God and draw sinners to repentance and a new life in Christ.

Discussion Questions:

Is it easier for you to believe in God’s kindness or His judgment? Why?

Pray

Thank God for showing His kindness to you and being kind enough to offer salvation.

Sing

*Come Thou Fount
of Every Blessing*

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.



TUESDAY

Goodness

Read: Romans 6:10, Galatians 5:22-23

The goodness of the Holy Spirit is a tough one because in Paul's own words, "none is righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). If no one is righteous, then no one can be good. If no one is good, how can we embody the goodness of the Spirit? It is only by the grace of God we have the opportunity to embody His goodness.

The goodness of God refers to moral and spiritual excellence. We run into an interesting dichotomy when we get to Romans 5:7, "one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die." It is almost as if the believer can be morally upright but still not be "good."

Paul, later on in Galatians, also exhorts believers by sayings "While we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith" (Galatians 6:10).

The beginning of creation had one primary description. It was not "incredible" or "awesome."

The primary description was "good." God looked at what He had created and saw that it was "good." Goodness is a call back to the creation of all things.

When God made all things before the fall, it was considered "good." As we are commanded by Scripture and given the gift of goodness by the Holy Spirit, we are equipped to be the picture of Eden before the fall. We are called to be "good" for God's glory.

Discussion Question

The passage describes God's goodness as "moral and spiritual excellence." How is that different from cultural or human definitions of goodness?

Pray

Pray that God would equip you to do good for his glory.

Sing

*All Creatures of
Our God and King*

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Thou rushing winds that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



WEDNESDAY

Faithfulness

Read: 2 Tim. 4:7, Jude 3, Gal. 5:22-23

The Greek word for “faithfulness” (pistis) is used 243 times in the New Testament. It was also a common word in non-biblical Greek writings. In those non-biblical writings, it usually referred to something with concrete proof. The New Testament also uses pistis in this way, where the resurrection of Christ is the proof of Christ’s future judgment (Acts 17:31). In a more general sense, pistis refers to having a belief in something.

In 2 Timothy 4:7, faith is something to be kept. In other words, faith should be guarded and protected. There are so many things in this world that want to challenge and trip up our faithfulness to God and His Word. The media, pop culture, and social media want to challenge what we know to be true. Things like a biblical marriage is between a man and a woman. Things like addiction not being something to be praised but something Jesus should conquer. Friends, keep the faith. Guard it. Protect it. This is what it means to be faithful.

Jude exhorts for us to “contend for the faith.” This is a unique phrase because the word for “contend” only occurs here in Jude 3 and nowhere else in the New Testament. Jude uses this unique phrase to encourage us to struggle for the faith. To “contend” means to struggle or fight. Not only are we to guard and protect the faith, but we should be ready to go to battle for our faith. That is because the evil one seeks to destroy the faith of believers. Luke 22:31-32, “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” Do not let your faith fail, but guard it and fight for it!

Discussion Question:

What might it look like in your life to protect your faith?

Pray

Pray that the Lord would strengthen your faith.

Sing

Great is Thy Faithfulness

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.



THURSDAY

Gentleness

Read: 2 Cor. 10:1, Prov. 15:1-4, Gal. 5:22-23

Paul references the gentleness of Christ as something that we are to embody in times where gentleness is not natural. We need gentleness in those moments in which we naturally feel it the least. In 2 Corinthians 10, Paul is urgently entreating the people of Corinth to not be drawn in by the false teachers and, thereby, walk by the flesh. His passionate plea is done in gentleness, not in boldness or with harsh words. Paul understands that a gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger (Proverbs 15:1).

Paul's restraint is a model of Christ's gentleness. Jesus Christ will come one day to judge. On that day, we will see Christ in a different way than most of the New Testament depicts Him. But until then, we will see Christ as the gentle savior that He is, just as John 3:17 depicts Him. Christ did not come to judge, but to save! He could have come to judge and we would all be doomed if he had done so, but because of the gentleness of Christ, we have the opportunity to be saved.

In Proverbs 15:1-4, we come face-to-face with the reality that our words separate gentleness from brutality and cruelty. When you must have a hard conversation with someone or you need to say something that is honest but will hurt someone, doing so gently is the wisest course of action. A gentle word will keep anger at bay, but if you are cruel and careless, you're liable to unnecessarily stir someone up to anger or break their spirit. Gentleness is Godliness, and as we speak we must remember this. Just like Paul's impassioned plea, we must lean into gentleness and not cruelty to honor God. Give God the glory through your gentle speech.

Discussion Questions:

What's one way this week you can make sure to speak gently to someone?

Pray

Pray God gives you a spirit of gentleness in times when you're not feeling gentle.

Sing

*O for a Thousand
Tongues to Sing*

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of cancelled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,
Your loosened tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.



FRIDAY

Self-Control

Read: 2 Peter 1:3, Prov. 25:28, Gal 5:22-23

Have you ever known someone who is out of control? Have you ever been described like this? Years ago, when I was a younger man in my early 20s, someone called me a “loose cannon.” They meant that I spoke my mind without a single thought to how it would affect others or myself, and I would shoot my mouth off in the heat of the moment. Young men have to learn to be self-controlled in their passions. I had to learn it the hard way, broken relationships and hurting people (including myself).

Proverbs 25:28 describes a man without self-control being like a city without walls. In the ancient world, a city without walls was defenseless. It was left vulnerable to being humiliated and ruined. We’re called to be self-controlled. Otherwise, we are left vulnerable to humiliation and ruin. Our self-control protects us and our witness for Christ. When we exhibit self-control, we are worshiping God through our self-sacrifice of what our sinful desires want us to do.

When we look at Christ, we see the very model of what self-control looks like. Think about the crucifixion story. When Christ went in front of the religious leaders and was unjustly questioned, beaten, and taunted, He could have called down the angels from Heaven to exact judgment, protection, and vengeance. He does no such thing; He humbly accepts being crucified for the love He has for sinners. Think about when Jesus asked if this cup of sacrifice could pass Him by and He sweat blood; His self-control made Him courageous. We have the perfect example of self-control in Christ. Being in control of one’s self is an act of worship and makes us more like Christ.

Discussion Questions:

In what ways does self-control act like “walls” in our lives?

Pray

Pray that God would make you more like Christ through giving you the strength to be in control of yourself.

Sing

Holy, Holy, Holy

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

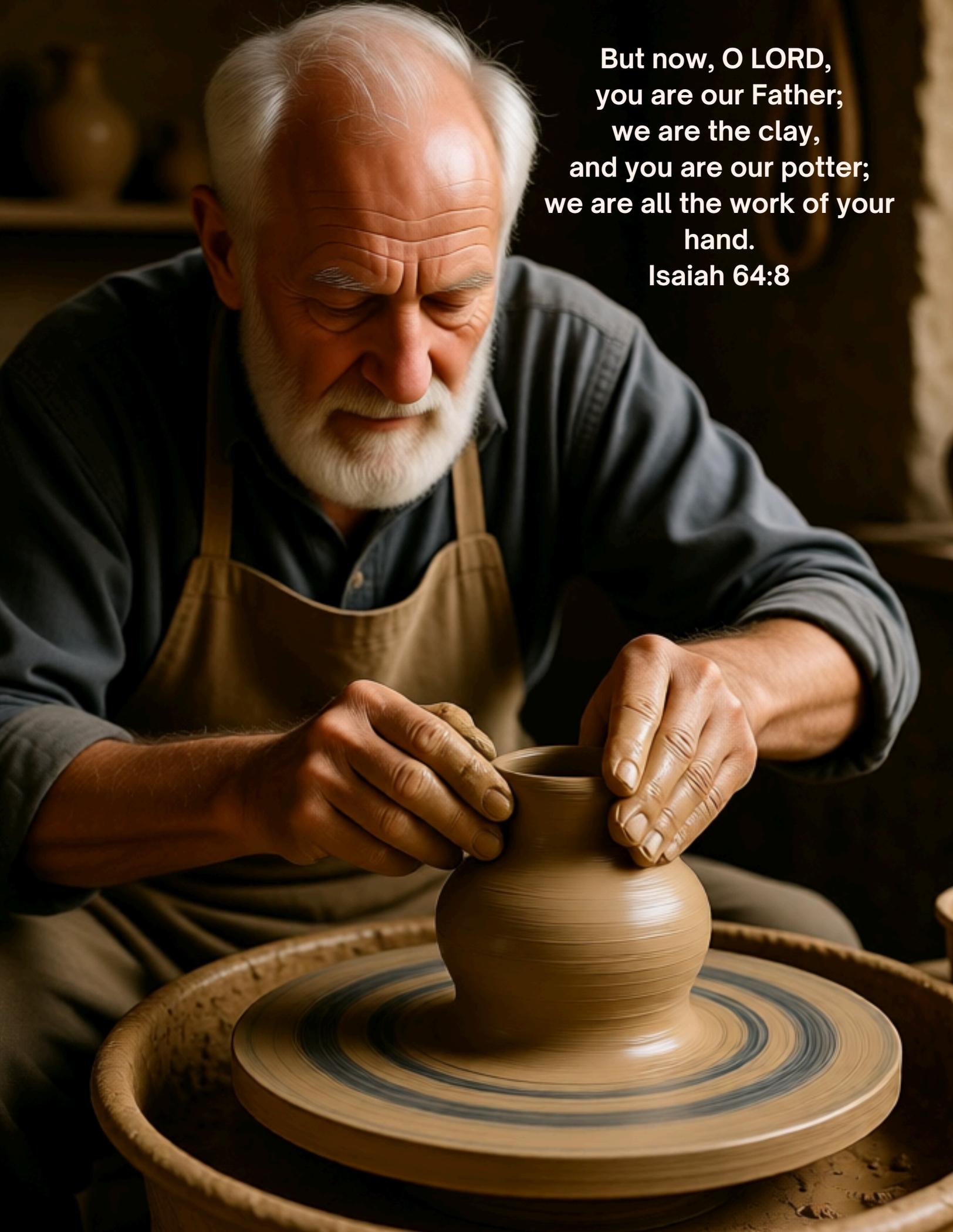
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim, falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.





**But now, O LORD,
you are our Father;
we are the clay,
and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your
hand.
Isaiah 64:8**

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8:30 & 11:00am

Sunday School

10:00am



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“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

