

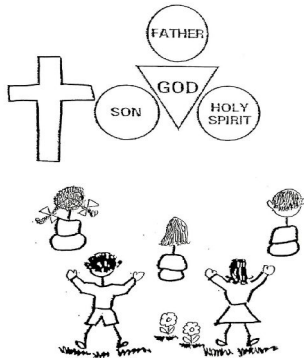
The Ninth Part of the Fruit of the Spirit

Self-Control

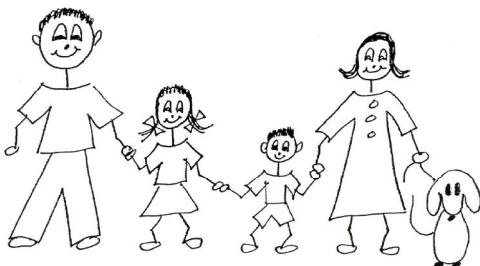
Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and **self-control**. Against such things there is no law. [We can't get these by works; we study Bible doctrine and the Holy Spirit changes us or develops these qualities in us.]

The ninth part of the fruit of the Spirit is **self-control**. It means to have our lives organized. It means to have the right priorities, which means a time for everything.

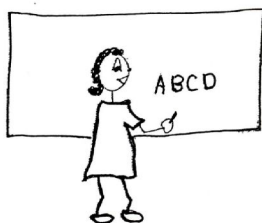
A Time For God



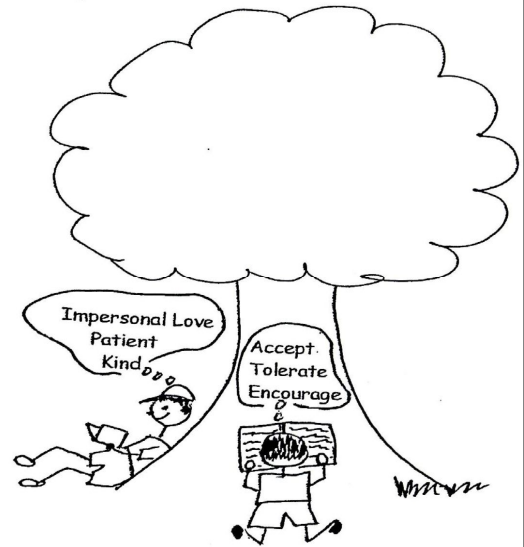
A Time For Family



A Time For Our Job Teacher



A Time For Doctrine



A Time For Friends



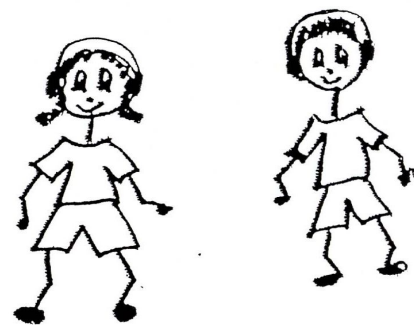
A Time For Homework



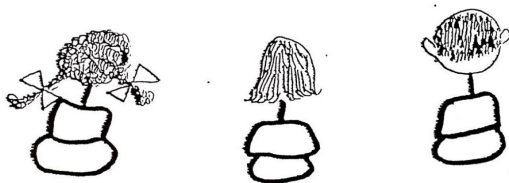
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven....

How can we be organized? We can take in Bible doctrine 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. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we will learn to be self-controlled!

Learn about God...



by listening to cassettes and CDs...



through Bible study classes...



by reading.

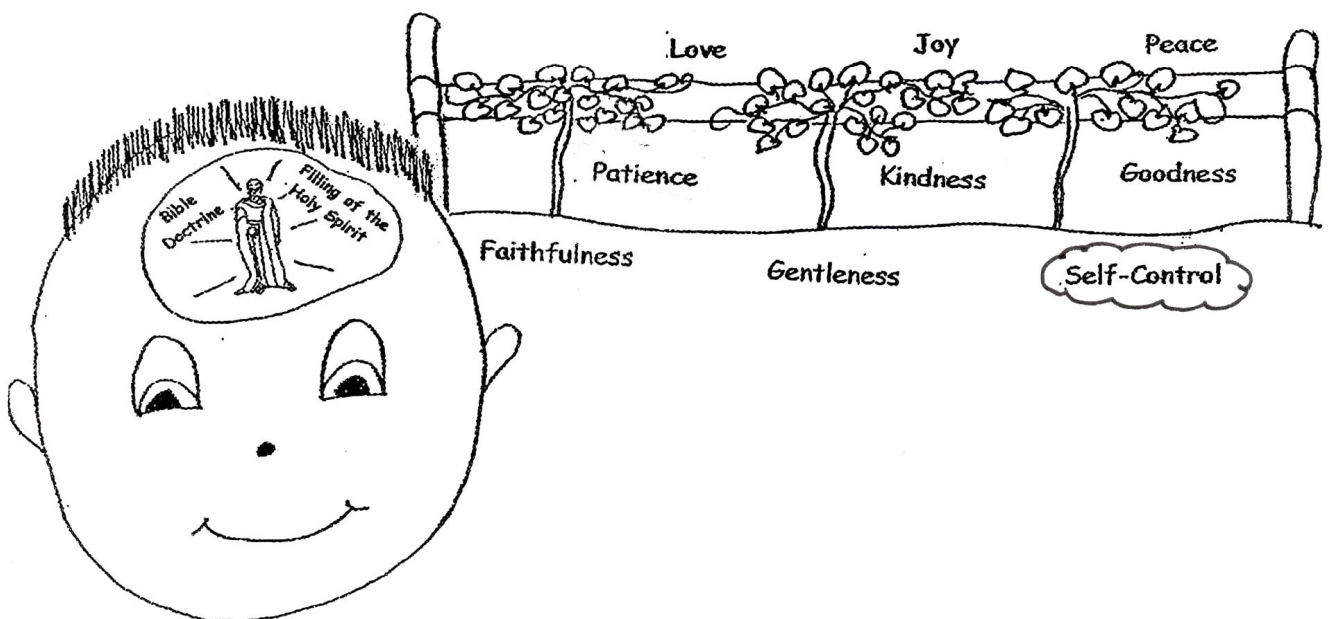
Proverbs 15:1 A gentle answer turns away wrath [intense anger], but a harsh [cruel] word stirs up anger.

The organized person keeps learning, believing, and using Bible doctrine. Sooner or later this person can reach spiritual maturity and hopefully become an invisible hero. We all have that opportunity. We just have to have the right priorities! We have to use self discipline or have self-control!

The Filling of the Holy Spirit

Learning, Believing, and Using Bible Doctrine

Using the Problem Solving Devices

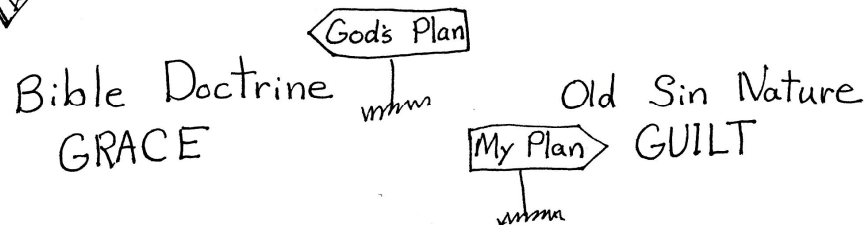
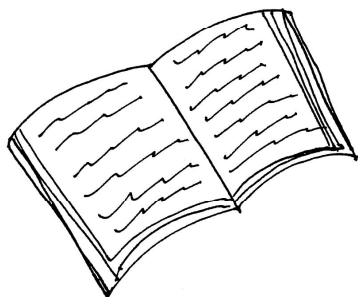


Proverbs 16:32 He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty,
And he who rules his spirit [has self-control], than he
who captures a city

If we don't have self-control, we won't be able to protect ourselves from the attacks of the cosmic system. 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!

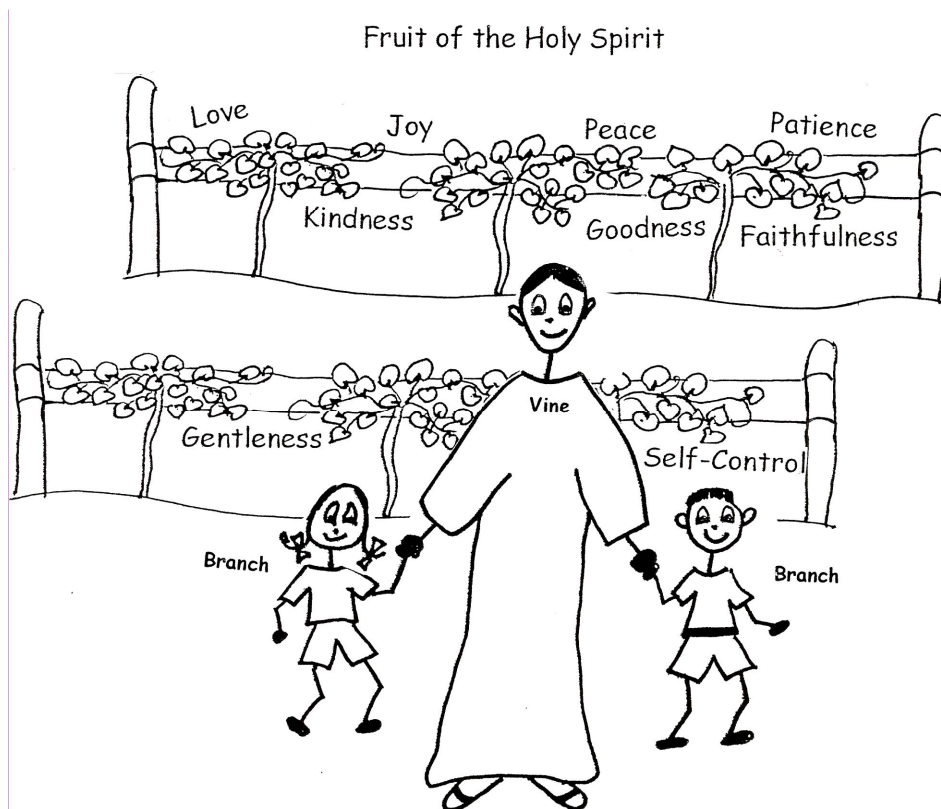
Divine Viewpoint

Human Viewpoint



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

The Lord Jesus Christ was self-controlled. He had to be 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."

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