

YOUR CHARACTER

Character- means someones personality, characteristics.

Why are we so scared of silence? (quietness in our heads).

We crave for company, someone around.

Crave is different from want!

Crave means: strongly feel the need of something.

And company is not fellowship!

The way company works is: whether constructive, or destructive. Just be with people.

Sometimes we think, If I be Alone, I feel like I may loose my mind (sio kweli).

Please, I'm not refering to distancing from family members: God made & values family closeness.

Fellowship builds, encourages and comforts.

The word of God says in Hebrews 10:25

Let us not abandon **assembling** ourselves

together,...but **exhorting one another**,

especially now that the day of Jesus's return is getting closer.

...assembling...together...exhorting (strongly encouraging) one another...

Matthew 18:20 when you gather & I (Jesus) am the reason for your gathering: I am with you.

When you listen to **the word of God**, you allow God, to edit your character/ personality. He put's the fruit's of the spirit into you.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do **of his good pleasure**.

The word Good pleasure (in greek it is *eudokía*- what seems good to someone.)

So God works in your soul (mind, emotions & will) to make you willing to do what seems good to him & also to do what seems good to God.

Isn't that beautiful & restful (not try harder.)

What are fruit's of the spirit?

They **are results of** a continuous relationship with **the Holy Spirit**.

Would you like to know them?

“when we begin to read what the fruit of the Spirit is, Apostle Paul is **not naming different kinds of fruits that the Holy Spirit gives**, rather one fruit that has many flavours.” (from pastorclinthogrefe.blogspot.com.)

Galatians 5:22-23

...the fruit (singular) of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: according to things of this kind **there is no law (law in greek is Nomos)**.

The reason I use the greek is because the original first **new testament bible was written in the greek language**, because Greek was the most written and spoken language in Syria, Palestine, **Israel**, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Cyprus, and Turkey. When the roman empire ruled the world, in the new testament times.

Acts 15

5 But then some of the believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and insisted, "The Gentile converts (believers who are not Israelites) must be circumcised and be required to follow the law (in greek nomos) of Moses (the ten commandments)."

6 So the apostles and elders met together to resolve this issue.

Hapojuu mitume walikua wana discuss kwamba, zile sheria tulizo pewa na mungu (Yahweh). Je hawa watu wa mataifa mengine walio hubiriwa na wamempokea yesu, wazifuate au?

Waka conclude agano Jipya sheria ziwe tatu, soma Matendo 15:28-29

The verse above (Acts 15:5-6) the apostles were discussing that, the law which they (Israelites) received from God (Yahweh), should the Gentiles (people of other nations) that have heard and received Jesus, keep the law?

They concluded that there will only be three laws in the new testament. Read Acts 15 on the next page.

Acts 15

28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

Amplified Bible Acts 15:29

that you abstain from things sacrificed to idols, and from [consuming] blood, and from [eating the meat of] things that have been strangled, and from sexual impurity. If you keep yourselves from these things, you will do well. Farewell.”

(It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and the apostles that we should observe only these laws in the new testament.)

Don't eat foods offered to other gods

Don't commit sexual immorality (1

Thessalonians 4:3. this is paul.)

**Don't eat things that are strangled/usile
mnyama aliye uliwa kwa kunyongwa:** From
strongs concordance, a bible dictionary it
says ."Something Killed without letting out the
blood."

Don't eat blood: Genesis 9:4.

Any ways back to what we were talking about

Galatians 5:22-23

...the fruit (singular) of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness,
faith, meekness, temperance: according to
things of this kind **there is no law (Nomos).**

The word law in greek is **Nomos** which is also
the same word used to describe the law of
moses, so we can not use the law of moses to
get the fruit of the spirit.

What is the law of Moses?

It is the ten commandments given to Moses and the children of Israel.

Exodus 20

3 You shall have no other gods but me.

4-6 You shall not make an idol, or any likeness of anything, you shall not bow down yourself to them nor serve them.

7 You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

8-11 Keep the sabbath day.

12 Honour your father and your mother

13 You shall not kill.

14 You shall not commit adultery. (Matthew 5:27-28).

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness (Not lie)

17 You shall not covet

You can not use the ten commandments to achieve the fruit of the spirit! You can only use faith.

Christian Standard Bible Exodus 20

1 Then God spoke all these words, saying,

2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery.

3 Do not have other gods besides me.

I am your God...Do not have other gods...

And he said it again in Exodus 20:5, in Exodus 22:20, and finally in Exodus 23:13.

Do you know what they did a few days after hearing this?

(Read Exodus 32: 1-4) Crazy right?

 you think your different from them?

You know God say's about the children of Israel, specifically about the generation that came out of egypt (the one we have read about in Exodus 32). This is what he says about them.

Hebrews 3:10

Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, **They** do alway **err** in their heart; and **they have not known my ways.**

Err-Make a mistake.

Grieved-Feel great sorrow

They made mistakes because the children of Israel did not know God's ways.

If they knew God's ways, they would not do things that made God deeply sorrowful.

God's ways are ways of faith.

1 Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

Jesus carried our sins in his own body on the tree (the wooden cross), because of this, we have become dead to sins...

You have to believe that, you are dead to sins. The more you believe this, you loose the desire to sin (it suddenly doesn't become too interesting to lie, or steal, you feel un happy when you hear a guy is cheating on his wife.)

Some will say, "this sounds too easy, God's ways are never easy."

But God's way was never for the children of Isarel to build boats, to cross the red sea and escape the Egyptians!

(The Israelites come from slavery. Most of them are strong and hard working, and they were skilled Exodus 1:9, 13 & 11 the children of Israel built for Pharaoh **storage cities**, Pithom and Raamses. For Pharaoh to keep the kingdoms possessions.)

So the Israelites were skilled, but God never needs man's addition in his work or miracle. (akitumia nguvuzako, nani anapata utukufu? Wewe au yeye?)

Yet the new testament laws must be followed, but there are parts of the law of Moses that are included in the new testament law

Example:

Exodus 20:14 you shall not commit adultery.

- a married person should not have sex outside of his marriage.

it is included in this new testament law

Acts 15:29 abstain from sexual impurity/fornication.

 search the meaning of-Fornication.

But other laws that are not included, when you have the fruit of the spirit you automatically won't steal, kill... and the fruit of the spirit comes through faith, and faith comes through hearing, Romans 10:17 says, "faith is from hearing (or reading) the word of God."

All this applies to christians, perhaps you want to receive Jesus, so that you may have eternal life.

(Jesus says)

John 6:37 ...and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away.

John 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, no one can pull them out of my hand (no one can take you away from Jesus.)

Pray this prayer.

God I thank you that you sent Jesus your son to come carry my sins, and die on the cross, I receive Jesus as my Lord, and saviour. And because of what he did, all my past, current, and future sins, have been forgiven, I am the son of God in Jesus name. Amen.

Maombi ya kumpokea Yesu kwa lugha ya kiswahili.

Mungu nakushukuru kwa kumtuma Yesu mwanao kuja, kubeba dhambi zangu, na kufa kwenye msalaba, Nampokea Yesu kama bwana, na mwokozi wangu. Na kwasababu ya alichokifanya, dhambi zangu zote ambazo nishawahi fanya, nimezifanya, na ambazo nitazifanya, zimesamehewa, mimi ni mwana wa mungu, katika Jina la Yesu. Amina.