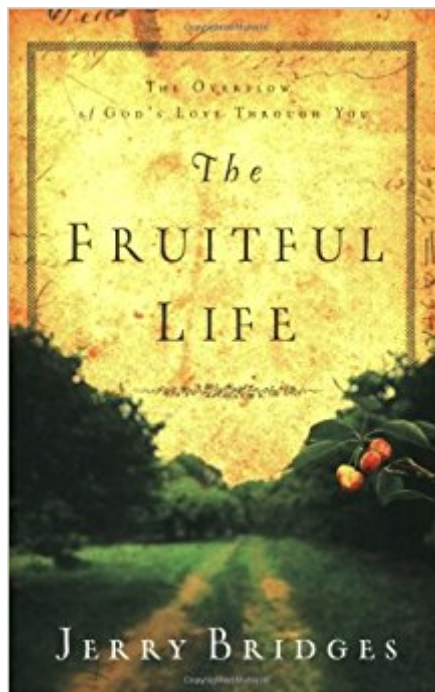


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# The Fruitful Life



## Synopsis

As we desire to be more like Jesus, we want to live loving, joyful lives. Yet loving our enemies seems impossible. Even being patient with our family is often difficult. How can we put on the gentle garments of grace when we're so busy battling our old behavior patterns? Navigator author Jerry Bridges explains how to practice the "fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22-23): lovejoypeacepatiencekindnessgoodnessfaithfulnessgentlenessself-control. Learn how the Holy Spirit can help in your spiritual formation as you become a serious follower of Christ.

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Headline: How can we put on the garments of grace? As we become serious followers of Christ, we want to live loving, joyful, anxiety-free lives. Yet loving our enemies seems impossible. Even being patient with our family is often difficult. How can we put on the gentle garments of grace when we're so busy battling our old behavior patterns? In *The Fruitful Life*, beloved author Jerry Bridges explores the nine aspects of the "fruit of the Spirit" described in Galatians 5:22-23: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. He clarifies the cultivation process by showing us how to practice them in real life. Bridges says these qualities of character can truly mark our lives if we devote ourselves to a two-fold pursuit: God-centeredness and God-likeness. This book will guide you on that quest by focusing on God's nature as revealed in Scripture and by helping you cultivate the beautiful fruit given by the Holy Spirit.

Dr. Jerry Bridges is the best-selling author of such books as *The Pursuit of Holiness*, *Transforming Grace*, and *The Practice of Godliness*, from which this book is derived. Jerry is on staff with The Navigators' collegiate ministry. A popular speaker known around the world, Jerry lives with his wife, Jane, in Colorado Springs.

The college/career/singles Bible study that I lead at my church has been working its way through this book for a couple of months now, and it has definitely met my expectations and hopes. Right off the bat, Mr. Bridges makes some extremely good points in discussing the Fruit (singular) of the Spirit, and how we don't get to pick and choose which of its aspects we want to cultivate or ignore... and especially how they are not the fruit (sorry, pun) of your own work. They are given by God, and it is up to us to follow his leading and allow him to cultivate His Fruit in our lives. My only problem with the book is that Kindness and Goodness were lumped into one chapter. Even though he didn't have as much to say on these aspects of the Fruit, I would have preferred they be singled out in their own independent chapters.

A wonderful book that talks about why and how one would want to worship God. After reading it I am now in a discussion group with 2 other women. We meet once a month to talk about a chapter. We need the month to begin to process the great, amazing, well-worded information.

This is a wonderful book. I had trouble putting it down once I started reading it. In fact, I enjoyed it so much, I presented it to our Ladies Bible Study teacher, and we ended up using it for our Ladies Bible Study. Great encouragement/teaching on building your walk with the Lord!

Challenging. Gives clear direction in an orderly way for attaining a Biblically fruitful life. Don't read it if you don't want to change.

Book is easy to read - Biblical Using it for Sunday School class so appreciate chapter questions

This book does an awesome job on covering the fruits of the spirit. We used the information to teach our Sunday school students on what each fruit of the spirit was. The book is very detailed and could be used as a great Bible study aid on the fruits of the spirit.

Beautifully written with many scriptural references. Keeps you in the Word to illustrate and guide a fruitful life not for our satisfaction but because of what God is doing and accomplishing. Draws you into a personal relationship with Christ.

I bought this book for all the Administrator's at our Christian school as a Christmas gift. Best book I read last year.

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