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During the Sunday Morning Service on November 15 celebrating Thanksgiving (Feast of Harvest) Sunday 2015, Pastor Dongcho Shin delivered a message entitled "Fruit" taken from John 15:4-5. The feast was celebrated with beautiful decorations of fruit and the choir wearing Korean traditional clothes, 'hanbok'. The members gave thanks to God who blessed Manmin to live with hope for Heaven without worrying about poverty, diseases and disasters. During Sunday Evening Service, Pastor Soojin Lee, President of Pastors' Association preached the message "A Healthy Christian Life" based on John 6:53-55 and Matthew 26:26-28. After the message, Holy Communion started. The altar was decorated with 315 kinds of fruits, grains, and vegetables expressing God's love.

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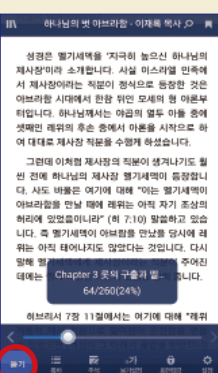
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Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law” (Galatians 5:22-23).

# Fruit of Goodness

nature and conscience are likely to become evil.

For example, children who are taught to be honest will have qualms of conscience when they tell a lie. But those children who are raised among liars will feel it is only natural to lie. As mentioned, consciences become different according to individual, area, and time. Those who think they follow their conscience are merely following what they think is good. However, they are not following an absolute good.

But we who are believers in God have the same standard with which we distinguish between good and evil. We have the Word of God as the standard. Spiritual goodness is to have this truth as our conscience and follow it.

## 2. The heart that cannot bear it if there is no practice of true goodness

In the spiritual sense goodness is the state of the heart that seeks goodness through the Holy Spirit, which is the goodness of the truth. Since the good man brings out of his good treasure what is good, those who really seek goodness will naturally have intentions in actions that are good so that they can be seen externally. Wherever they go and whomever they meet, they show generosity and love with good words and deeds.

Just like people who have sprayed perfume on themselves will give out its fragrance, those with goodness will give out the fragrance of Christ. But they cannot bear the fruit just because they have a longing to seek goodness. If they heard and learned, they have to cultivate goodness in their hearts and actually practice it.

In Luke chapter 10, we have the parable of the Good Samaritan. A man was beaten and robbed while travelling, and he was half dead. A priest was passing by and saw that he was dying, but the priest just passed by him. A Levite also saw him, but he also just passed by him as well. Priests and Levites were the ones who knew the Word of God and served God. But, they did not show the deed that they were supposed to show when they were supposed to have followed the will of God.

Later, a Samaritan was passing by and saw this man who had been beaten and robbed. This Samaritan covered his wounds and took him to an inn. He asked the inn keeper to take care of him, promising that he would pay the cost on his way back. Because he had goodness, he couldn't just

ignore a person who was dying. Even though it meant his loss of time and money, he couldn't just overlook the dying person. If he had passed him by, this Samaritan would probably have had the burden of it on his heart. He might have been troubled over what happened to that man who was injured. Spiritual goodness is being unable to bear it if we do not choose the way of goodness.

## 3. Jesus' heart of goodness

Matthew 12:19 reads, “He will not quarrel, nor cry out; nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets.”

Usually, when we see people who are considered to be good by others, we see a person who doesn't have any troubles or problems with anybody. Just as it says, ‘nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets,’ they are quiet and they don't quarrel with anybody. They don't speak of other people's faults or shortcomings. They don't try to flaunt themselves or to raise themselves up among others. Even though they suffer unjustly, they do not complain.

Next, verse 20 says, “A battered reed He will not break off, and a smoldering wick He will not put out, until He leads justice to victory.”

When we grow a tree or plants, if they have bruised leaves or branches, we will usually cut them off. Also, when a wick is smoldering, the light is not bright, and it gives out fumes and smoke. So, people just extinguish it. But those who have the spiritual goodness will not ‘break a bruised reed or put out a smoldering wick’. If there is the slightest bit of chance of recovery, they cannot cut that life off, and they try to open a way of life for others.

Here, the ‘bruised reed’ refers to those who are filled with sins and evil of this world. The smoldering wick symbolizes those whose hearts are so stained with evil that the light of their soul is about to die out. It is unlikely that these people who are like bruised reeds and smoldering wicks will accept the Lord. Even though they believe in God, their deeds are no different from worldly people. They even speak against the Holy Spirit or stand against God.

At the time of Jesus, there were many who did not believe in Jesus and even though they personally witnessed amazing works of power, they still stood against the works of the Holy Spirit. Yet Jesus looked at them

with faith until the end and opened opportunities for them to receive salvation.

Those who have the fruit of goodness will accept these people who let their evil come out. They don't try to distinguish who is right or wrong or who is good or evil and then break them off and discard them. They just treat them in goodness with a truthful heart and eventually they will touch their hearts.

Of course, if the others continue to show increasing evil, they will fall into the way of death even though we show goodness to them. But even in these cases, we will not just set a limit of our endurance and forsake them if they go over that limit. It is spiritual goodness to try to allow them to seek spiritual life without giving up until the end. We will continue to try to offer them chances to receive salvation.

Then, how is this spiritual goodness different from other spiritual characteristics? You may think, ‘In the parable of the Good Samaritan, can his acts be described as charitable in mind and merciful?’

Of course, charitableness of heart and mercy all belong within goodness. But the distinctive aspects of spiritual goodness are the desire to follow such goodness and the strength to actually practice it. The focus is not on mercy itself because we can help others out of sympathy. The focus is on the goodness with which the Samaritan couldn't just pass by when he was supposed to have mercy.

When you do the voluntary works for the church, and if you have the fruit of goodness, you will be faithful in not only one thing but also in all aspects. If you neglect any of your duties, there might be somebody who suffers because of it. God's kingdom might not be accomplished as it should be. So you must try to be faithful in all respects. I believe you can apply this principle to all other characters of spirit.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, if you bear the fruit of spiritual goodness, you will have the image of the Lord. You will not do anything that can make even a little one stumble. You will have goodness and humbleness on the outside as well. You will be respectable having the form of the Lord, and your behavior and language will all be perfect. I pray in the name of the Lord that you will bear the fruit of spiritual goodness quickly and glorify God greatly!

The beautiful fruits of the Holy Spirit are not just borne in the heart, but they are certainly to be revealed through good deeds. If you bear the fruit of goodness among the fruit in your heart completely, you will give out the fragrance of Christ. Thus, many souls will come to feel Jesus Christ through you and they can give glory to God. Let's look into this fruit of ‘Goodness’.

## 1. The heart that acts by the truth as the standard

Worldly people discern and judge whether something is good or evil according to their consciences. In the absence of having pangs of conscience, worldly people think they are good and righteous. But, this ‘conscience’ is different from person to person. It's because the process by which the individual conscience is formed is different from person to person.

However, the conscience that is the standard to discern between good and evil, is based on the foundation of one's nature and this nature depends on the kind of life energy one is born with and the kind of environment in which a person is raised.

Those children who receive good life energy have relatively good natures. Also, people who are raised in a good environment where many good things are seen and heard are likely to form good consciences. On the other hand, if one is born with many evil natures from his parents and comes in contact with many evil things, his

## The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles’ Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.

“[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.” (Acts 17:25)

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

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# Secrets to Sowing and Reaping

God wants to give His beloved children the blessings of soul's prosperity, everything going well, and maintaining health. But the justice of God says that we can reap only when we sow seeds. Even if we sow, we should know the right way to sow seeds. Then we can reap good fruit. Now, let's delve into the eight secrets to pleasing God and receiving His blessings.



## 1. We have to prepare good soil by circumcising our heart.

In order for us to reap whatever we sow, we have to sow with faith. Those who have greater faith will be able to harvest more crops. Here, God increases our faith to the extent that our heart is sanctified. The more we circumcise our heart and accomplish sanctification, the more spiritual faith we will have, and the more material blessings we will receive.

Therefore, we should circumcise our hearts first to receive the answers to our hearts' desires as well as to receive financial blessings. This is because when our souls prosper we can prosper in all respects and be in good health.



## 2. We should keep the Lord's Day holy and giving whole tithes.

Keeping the Lord's Day holy is acknowledging the spiritual authority of God. It is the minimum act of faith to prove that we are children of God who believe in Jesus Christ. To give tithes is the act of faith that acknowledges God's sovereignty in all material aspects of our lives.

God can bless us only when we ask with faith while acknowledging the sovereignty of God by keeping the Lord's Day holy and giving proper tithes. When Satan brings tests to us, God cannot protect us if we have not kept the Lord's Day holy and have not given whole tithes.



## 3. We should cast away greed and seek God's glory.

If we have greed, when we hear that we can gain income without working for it or we can get a great amount of money easily, it interests us. Acting in this way we are apt to be cheated by evil people (Matthew 6:24). We must throw away greed to enjoy ourselves on the earth, and we must also seek God's glory. We must not have a desire for anything that is not our own. We have to ask according to the law of justice by being led by the Spirit, and then not act in impatience. If we are over-motivated or if we want to do whatever is said to be good, it is our greed that blocks the voice of the Holy Spirit (James 4:2-3).



## 4. We have to walk the right way and act only with faithfulness.

When we live by the Word of God, walk the right way, and is faithful, God pays us back with blessings. However, even though we know much truth and pray a lot, God cannot bless us if we do not walk the right way. Those who are honest and faithful before people can also be found to be truthful before God, too.

In the church we must not exchange any money among the brothers in faith. The second thing is that you must not be a financial guarantor for anybody (Proverbs 6:1-5, 11:15, 22:26). In order to receive blessings and also to avoid calamities, I urge you not to become guarantors for anything.



## 5. You have to sow many seeds diligently in spirit.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 reads, "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

No matter how large a farmer's field is, he can reap only as much as he sows. You have to sow diligently in spirit, as well. Also, we should feel we've received blessings only when we sow much. We cannot say that we've sown much just because the amount is great. What God wants to receive from offerings is not the money but the aroma of the heart.



## 6. Our faith and deeds must not change.

What would happen if the farmer sows the seeds and stops caring for them or just digs up the field just because he doesn't see any fruit after a couple of months? All his previous efforts would be in vain. Some people sow and take care of it for some time but begin to complain if they do not get as much as they desired. If you just stop acting with faith and stop asking God, all your previous effort will be useless. If you sowed with faith and have stored up your deeds to please God, you have to wait until the end.

Next, if you decide to give to God something, you have to give it (Psalm 15:4; Ecclesiastes 5:4-6). If you have not kept any of your vows, you must demolish the wall of sin by practicing the vows.



## 7. We must sow in the place where it is pleasing to God.

You have to sow according to the will of God. Helping the poor is a way to receive blessings, but if you help those who are being punished for the sins they committed, you will suffer with them. If you give reliefs or alms to those who have dissensions and unrighteousness due to works of Satan, God cannot give you blessings.

To receive blessings you must be sure to remember that you have to be wise and sow in places where it pleases God. If you give to groups or persons that please God, then God can give back to you with joy (Matthew 10:40-42; Galatians 6:6). If we prepare our vessels before God who wants to bless us greatly, He will give blessings with thirty, sixty, and a hundred times.



## 8. You have to be faithful to God's kingdom with longing for spiritual blessing.

This also means you have to be diligent in your life in faith all the time. God never forgets those who are faithful to the kingdom of God. Of course, if you are truly offering spiritual faithfulness, you don't just work physically. You worship in spirit and truth, and you pray fervently without ceasing.

When God sees such believers who love Him and are faithful to Him, He does not just receive their faithfulness. He also gives them blessings so they can also give glory to Him. But we should long for spiritual blessings more than financial blessings. Not one among us should become one of these foolish people who disappoint God by being blinded by the meaningless vanity of wealth.



## “I Was Suffering from Half-body Paralysis Caused by Stroke, and God Healed Me!”

On the morning of February 11, 2015 I felt pain in my limbs and had a headache. When I sat down for lunch, I could not hold a spoon in hands. While making an appointment for treatment, my body started to become paralyzed. I had to enter the doctor's office in a wheelchair.

The doctor said it was a cerebral infarction, a stroke, and sent me to the intensive care unit. The symptoms were getting worse as the right side of my body became completely paralyzed. I could not even move one finger. I could not sit or stand up by myself.

I worked for Korea Telecommunication for 33 years. I wanted to become a little bit of help when the church constructs new sanctuary. So, I acquired seven professional qualifications related to communication and broadcasting. For the last two years I had been studying for a certificate of Professional Engineer Information Communication which is the most reputable in this field.

Meantime, this happened to me. I pondered the reason why. I had been arrogant because I had so many certificates in this field. In the beginning I started it for the kingdom of God, but the motive shifted to my greed and boastful mind. I stopped praying and I did not completely keep the Lord's Day holy. I focused primarily on studying for the



Deacon Baekho Choi (age 61, Parish 14) and his wife Senior Deaconess Hyekyung Park

certificate.

As I found myself foolish, tears flowed down my face. I began again to listen to Dr. Jaerock Lee's sermons. While listening to his basic and fundamental messages, I reflected on my heart with the Word. I had not loved my family and others around me. I repented and received Dr. Lee's prayer for the sick after the messages.

Then my symptoms quickly improved. A month later I could walk slowly. Two weeks later I was discharged from the hospital and went home on foot! I recovered so fast that my doctor said he would report

my case in the medical conference. However, I walked with a limp because my body had been totally paralyzed. I also had difficulty in climbing up the stairs.

I relied on God to be completely healed. A month before Manmin Summer Retreat 2015, I started to listen to the sermons, The Message of the Cross, Love Chapter, Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit, Beatitudes, The Measure of Faith, Heaven, and Hell. I realized many things and thoroughly repented.

I did not know how to express love to my family because I had not

received warm love from my parents in growth. I insisted on my own ways and burst out in anger when things went differently from my will. I had done many wrongdoings. I shed tears of repentance.

Finally, it was August 3, 2015 when Manmin Summer Retreat 2015 started. Senior Pastor prayed for the sick after delivering the message. Suddenly I was given strength in my right arm and leg. The strength came from above so strongly that my body trembled. Filled with emotion, I sprang up from the seat and walked to the stage. I was walking energetically like a normal person without a limp.

The next day I bounded up the steps. Afterwards, God made me feel like I was stretching and gave me strength. He made me even healthier. Hallelujah!

Since I experienced God's love and power, my believing life has been recovered. I have been leading a life with thanks that I had never felt. Just as King Hezekiah's life was extended when he relied on God, I also received a second life from God.

I give all thanks and glory to God who renewed me with the original voice through the work of re-creation and has been leading me to New Jerusalem, the best dwelling place in Heaven.

## “I Gained True Peace and Happiness After Being Healed of Diseases”

In October, 2014, I started to attend Chiang Rai Manmin Church. We join Manmin Central Church's worship services via live-broadcasting of GCN ([www.gcntv.org](http://www.gcntv.org)). Although I had attended church since I was little, I did not know the spiritual meaning of the Word. But here in this Manmin church, I have learned the good will of God embedded in keeping the whole Sabbath, giving tithes, and the Ten Commandments. I also prayed in Daniel Prayer Meeting every night without ceasing. Then, I felt very happy in leading a Christian life.

On a Sunday in November, 2015, I was healed of chronic headache that had troubled me for ten years and a backache I had for 14 years by Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer for the sick during Sunday Service. In fact, I had liked to be alone without speaking and had lots of thoughts. I had been hurt often. But after going to Manmin, I was renewed and now I evangelize neighbors and relatives whenever I have time.

I also guided my son and my mother to the church and we led our Christian lives together. I am so thankful.

My son takes after me. He was quiet and introverted. He was self-centered with no interest in other people. He is now an active person. He proclaims the gospel boldly from town to town around the church. He prays in Daniel Prayer Meeting and volunteers to tidy up the sanctuary before the service.

In May 2015, Rev. Heesun Lee, Manmin World Guidance Pastor, led the Handkerchief Healing Meeting (Acts 19:11-12). She prayed for me with the handkerchief on which Dr. Lee had prayed and I was healed of a cold uterus and Leukorrhea that I had for 13 years.

In August 2015, I went to Manmin Central Church in Seoul to participate in Manmin Summer Retreat 2015. I came to be filled with hope for Heaven. When I shook hands with Dr. Lee, I gained a longing to cast away all forms of evil and the confidence that I could be renewed. Additionally, I experienced many signs, wonders, and powerful works including dragonflies, rainbows, and heavenly winds. These things caused faith to be increased in me. Hallelujah!



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