

FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS—TOLERANCE
vs.
WORK OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS—
NARROW-MINDEDNESS

1. Write from memory the definition of the fruit of Righteousness—Tolerance:

2. To show that you not only know the definition of tolerance but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of how you have exhibited tolerance since you began your study of this fruit of righteousness:

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3. Write from memory the definition of the work of Self-Righteousness—Narrow-mindedness:

4. To show that you not only know the definition of narrow-mindedness but that you also understand its meaning, please give two examples of ways in which you have been narrow-minded in your life *before* you knew it was an alternative to the fruit of Righteousness—Tolerance.

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5. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Jeremiah 2:12-13.

“Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.”

- Jeremiah 2:12, 13

“Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very (desolate,) _____ saith the LORD. For my people have (committed) _____two evils; they have (forsaken) _____me the (fountain) _____ of (living waters,) _____ and (hewed) _____ them out cisterns, (broken cisterns,) _____ that can hold no water.”

- Jeremiah 2:12, 13

6. Information Application: Please re-read Jeremiah 2:12,13 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. This method of studying your Bible will help you better understand what God is trying to teach you so that you are more apt to apply it in your life.

7. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in II Corinthians 4:18:

“While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

- II Corinthians 4:18

“While we (look) _____ not at the (things)
_____ which are (seen,) _____
but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are (temporal;)
_____ but the things which are not seen are
(eternal.) _____”

- II Corinthians 4:18

8. Information Application: Please re-read II Corinthians 4:18 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. How will meditating on this truth prove helpful in expressing Spirit-led tolerance when prompted by Him?

9. Using your dictionary, dissect and define the words in parenthesis found in Philippians 2:12-15:

“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the

sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;”

-Philippians 2:12-15

“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, (work out) _____ your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Do (all) _____ things without (murmurings) _____ and (disputings:) _____ That ye may be (blameless) _____ and (harmless,) _____ the sons of God, without (rebuke,) _____ in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye (shine) _____ as (lights in the world;) _____”

-Philippians 2:12-15

10. Information Application: Please re-read Philippians 2:12-15 using your dissected and defined meanings. Rewrite in your own words (paraphrase) what these verses mean to you. How will meditating on this truth be helpful in avoiding narrow-mindedness when prompted by Him?

Student Self-Evaluation

Using Information To Develop Your Personal Relation

As a developing Christian, God will place you in circumstances that will bring you opportunities to evoke the willing participation of tolerance. While under these circumstances you may find yourself submitting to this fruit or rejecting this inclination with the habitual self-righteous work of narrow-mindedness. When we “try hard to do better,” we often fail to accomplish this. When we learn to yield to God’s power, we will find it rather easy to demonstrate His fruit of tolerance over our work of narrow-mindedness.

We have learned that when God gives us strength, we react by being zealous of good works through His grace. When our relationship with the Lord is weak, we often become passive towards the needs of hurting people and become apathetic in our Christian lives.. After learning these truths, how have you found yourself responding to these opportunities:

- ☐ I usually exhibit the fruit of Righteousness—Tolerance.
- ☐ I struggle with yielding to the work of Self-righteousness—Narrow-mindedness.

How do you think you can improve your submission to this fruit without having to “try any harder?” _____

FOR THE DISCIPLER’S USE ONLY:

1. Do you feel your student understands the meaning of the fruit of Righteousness—Tolerance and the devil’s offsetting work of Narrow-mindedness? Yes or No
2. Would you feel their grasp on these two alternative actions and reactions are:
Strong Strengthening Adequate Minimal Weak
3. Do you believe this student consistently evokes tolerance in every Spirit-led situation?”
Often Sometimes Seldom Never
4. Do you believe this student is ready to graduate from the GRF Discipleship Series? Yes or No
5. If yes, what leads you to feel this way? _____

6. If no, what are your reasons? _____
