

What Is the Hindrance?

Dear Daniel,

Yoneq wanted me to write a special letter to you, a letter to explain something to you. He spoke about this in the gathering and told me to take notes about it and send them to you, because it is very important for you to understand this. I want you to grow up straight, to look like and act like our Master in every way. In Gal 5:22,23 it talks about the qualities you will see in your life if you are vitally connected to the Holy Spirit. For whoever joins himself to Messiah is *one* spirit with Him (1 Cor 6:17). So, if we truly are joined to Messiah there should be no hindrance for us to produce the “fruit of the spirit.” There should be no hindrance, if the Spirit is in us. For wherever the Spirit is, there is liberty (2 Cor 3:17). So what is the hindrance, what stops us from being filled and overflowing with love, joy, peace, patience...? What is the hindrance?

Gal 5:24

The only hindrance to overflowing with these qualities is the FLESH. Every morning we must crucify the flesh, then we will be filled with love, joy, patience... Even if there are extreme “circumstances” we will have patience. But Gal 5:17 says that the sinful nature, the flesh, desires what is contrary to the spirit. So those who belong to Messiah (verse 24) crucify the flesh and its *desires*. They are connected to the vine, living by the spirit, having crucified the flesh (verse 16).

What is the hindrance of being filled and overflowing with the Spirit, having the qualities of love, joy...?

THE FLESH

This is why it is *so important* in Lk 9:23 where it talks about taking up the cross, *in order to* crucify the flesh — *so that you can* produce the fruit of the “*spirit*.” This “spirit” is your spirit which is now united with the Holy Spirit so that you *CAN* (are able to) produce these qualities (2 Cor 3:17). You are liberated from the power of the flesh, and now have the power of the Spirit. You no longer have to obey the flesh.

Now we have divine nature, who is a Spirit, who has come along beside our spirit and joined Himself to our spirit. If you are not vitally connected to this Spirit, your spirit cannot produce the good fruit. Gal 6:1 says that a person is “spiritual” — one who is vitally connected to the Spirit.

Verse 19 — The acts of the flesh are obvious — fornication, etc. These are terrible things which could be considered blaspheming our God if it is done intentionally. Num 15:30 — This is deliberate sin. Thus you must pay for your own guilt (if you have already come into Messiah and then done these things). Even people in the world will not go into the nations if they do these things. Gal 6:7-8 says “what you sow you will reap”

flesh = destruction;

spirit = life in the *kingdom*.

For Gal 5:21 says if you do these deeds of the flesh you will not inherit the kingdom.

If you are filled to the top with the Spirit there will be no room for the deeds of the flesh.

So what is the hinderance to being filled with the Spirit?

THE FLESH

But at our baptism we put it to death and now we must put it to death every day. Now we have the power to do this. We can put to death the deeds of the flesh.

If we still produce the bad deeds of Gal 5:19-21 we are still carnal. If we produce the good deeds of verses 22-23, it is by the spirit — then we are spiritual.

How do we restore someone who is producing the bad deeds? In Gal 6:1 (NIV) it says *restore*; that means to “reset in place” as if a bone were broken and a doctor had to put it back in the proper place, or like “mending” a broken net which has been torn fishing.

We are Peacemakers (Mt 5). We should always try to mend, reset, restore. Thus we will be blessed. If we do not rebuke a brother who is in sin we will also be counted as evil. It is our place to always (gently) be making peace restoring people (Gal 6:1).

Gal 5:24 — If you have not crucified the flesh it shows you do not belong to Him. If you have crucified the flesh

you have the possibility of producing the fruit of the spirit.

Gal 3:29 — if you belong to Him

Verse 27 — if we were baptized into Him

Rev 3:20-21 teaches us how to be reconnected to Him once you have been separated from Him by walking in the Flesh.

He will never leave us, but He leaves the center of our heart. He will always knock on your heart's door. He knocks for entrance because we have become lukewarm, doing the deeds of the flesh. He wants to dwell in the center of our hearts so we will have the power to do what pleases him. *But we must open the door; He won't force his way in.*

Rev 3:19 if we love someone we will rebuke them. If they hear your voice (if we hear his voice), they can open the door and He will come in again and have fellowship; then the good fruit of love, joy, and peace are restored (Rev 3:21-22). But we must overcome, then he will be near to us.

If we have ears we must listen to what the Spirit says to us.

This is the most basic elementary thing we must learn. If we forsake this, we will fall away just like the first communities did. They were not full of the good qualities which showed they were vitally connected to the Spirit. We must daily crucify our flesh so that the deeds of the flesh will not come forth. If we see deeds of the flesh in our brothers we must be "spiritual peacemakers" and restore them, otherwise we will all soon fall away (Gal 6:1).

I know you have ears to hear. I love you very much.

May you pass this on with *much* grace from our God (*hannan yah*),

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