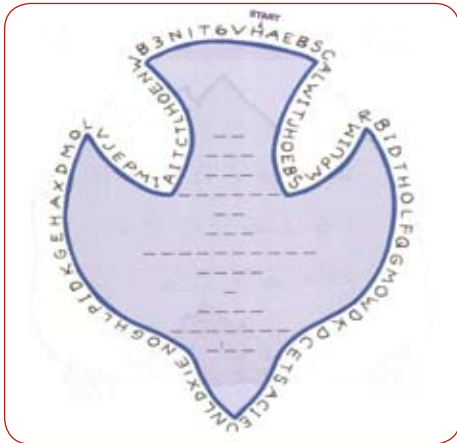




God was very pleased with Jesus. When Jesus took His baptism, something special happened. Beginning with the letter "H", go around the dove and write every other letter on the spaces provided.



Bible Quiz – 10

Q: What was another name for Jacob?

a. Nemuel, b. Israel, c. Laban, d. Joseph

Send your answer to mfgcchronicle@gmail.com

Bible Quiz - 09 – Champs

Roma Nidhi – 11 yrs, Adwin Alias – 11 yrs

Sharon Abraham – 10 yrs

BQ – 09 answer: Michael

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First Time Visitor

Welcome to the MFGC Family!

We believe that you came here neither by chance nor by yourself, but God has brought you here with a great purpose. We are glad to see you today and we thank you for joining us for worship. Please join us in the coming days, as we commit our lives in prayer, lift our hearts in worship, and extend our hands to serve in His name.

Church Program Schedule

Friday Worship

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai

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Holy Trinity Church, Dubai - Community Hall

Malayalam Service - 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Children's English Service - 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM

Scripture Class - 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Thursday Worship

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai - Hall No.F3

English Service - 8:45 PM to 10:45 PM

Bible Study

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai - Hall no.C2

Malayalam - Mon - 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

English - Wed - 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

St. Martin's Church, Sharjah

Wed - 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

B.Th Class

Holy Trinity Church, Dubai - Hall No.Upper Chapel

Sat - 8:30 PM to 10:30 PM

Care Cell Meeting

Various locations

Ladies Meeting

Sharjah parsonage

Sat - 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Except 1st Sat of the month

Personal Counselling

Sharjah parsonage

Thu - 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM

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Shepherd's Voice

What can a member expect from the church?

When a person becomes a member of a church, he has certain expectations, such as, to be led spiritually, opportunities to worship God, strong teachings from the Bible and so on.

Church is for spiritual needs

A church is a place for corporate worship and to express our love, thanks and gratitude for God's mercies and blessings. A church is not a place for social gatherings. Although a church fulfills the social needs of its members such as conducting weddings, funerals and baptisms, a church is essentially a place for fulfilling the spiritual needs of its members.

A church is expected to fulfill the below needs of its members:

1. Perfecting the saint – Eph 4:12,13

A saint is perfected in the church. Rev 21:2 – A believer's position in the Heavenly Jerusalem is determined by how he is perfected in the earthly church. In order to be perfected, one should worship God and hear the word of God. Scripture reveals the thoughts of God. The word of God transforms us into the image of His Son Jesus Christ and the church is the place where a believer can grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ - 2 Pet 3:18.



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Editor's Desk

God's Perfect Plan

Many of us plan and prepare to accomplish our greatest aspirations. And many times as we prepare to climb the mountains in our lives, we often want all the glory to ourselves. How many times have we come across the phrase, "a self-made man" in reference to someone who climbed life's mountains alone? But was he really alone? Can any person attribute all the glory of life's success to himself? Isn't God at work in the lives of His creations whether they realise and accept it or not? Yet, at some point in our lives, we realise that there's nothing very much that we can do. And in that moment, our souls cry out to the One who controls this universe.

But how do we react to the response we receive from above? Do we obey Him blindly even if what He guides us to do may not appeal to our logic and rationale? Or do we trust our own judgments and decide to follow our instincts and impulses? Many times we are not able to obey His voice without questioning or doubting His intentions. It requires a complete trust in God and the understanding that our life is safe in His hands to submit ourselves to His divine will. What we want is, often, not what we need. God knows what we need and provides it at the right time. He knows the best for us and when we obey His voice, we can look back at those situations and thank God that He didn't give us what we wanted, but in His infinite wisdom, provided us with what we needed.

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Precious Gifts from God

Psalms 127: 3 says “children are a heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward” The below MFGC couples were blessed with children:

- Br. Victor – Sis. Geetha
- Br. Baiju – Sis. Betzy
- Br. Paul – Sis. Anne

In our Prayers

MFGC Dubai, express our deepest condolence on the sad demise of Sis. Eliamma Cheriyan, 86 yrs, mother of Br. Jiji, who was promoted to glory this month. May the Lord fill the family with peace that surpasses all understanding to bear this irreparable loss.

Baptism

In obedience to the Scriptures, Sis. Recatline Suing from Philippines proclaimed the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Special Announcements:

- On 6th November 2011, MFGC GCC conference will be held at 10.am to 3pm at Cambridge school Auditorium, Dubai
- On November 10, 2011, Night prayer meeting at St. Martin Church, Sharjah, from 11 pm to 3 am. Pr. Koshy Vaidyan will deliver the word of God. The gates will be closed by 11 pm and will be reopened at 3 am.

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The 9 Fruit of the Holy Spirit

6. Goodness

Here are some of the different definitions of what this quality is all about:

1. Beneficence, ready to do good, love in action
2. Kindness in actual manifestation, virtue equipped for action, a bountiful propensity both to will and to do what is good, intrinsic goodness producing a generosity and a Godlike state or being
3. The word beneficence means the fact or quality of being kind or doing good

This particular quality is a very powerful fruit to have operating in your personality because of the drawing power it has in it. And the beautiful part about this fruit is that this quality is so pure in its goodness – it does not have any manipulative qualities within it.

7. Faithfulness

Here are what some of the different Bible dictionaries and commentaries have to say about this particular quality:

1. Fidelity which makes one true to his promise and faithful to his task
2. Steadfast, dedicated, dependable and worthy of trust
3. Steadfast, unchanging and thoroughly grounded in relation to the other
4. Dependability, loyalty and stability

This is one quality that God the Father is really watching all of us on. He is watching who is going to stay true, loyal and faithful to Him – and who will stay true, loyal and faithful to the friends and family that are brought into our lives.

8. Gentleness

Here are some of the different definitions on the quality of gentleness:

1. Mildness combined with tenderness

2. Gracious, kindly disposition, controlled strength
3. A disposition that is even-tempered, tranquil, balanced in spirit, unpretentious and that has passions under control
4. A character that is equitable, reasonable, forbearing, moderate, fair and considerate
5. Power and strength under control
6. Willing to pardon injuries, correct faults. One who rules his spirit well

Not only will other people love and gravitate towards you more if you learn how to walk in this quality – but you will be at much more peace with yourself since you won't always have to be fighting and striving with others when trying to help them out.

9. Self-Control

Here are some of the definitions of what the quality of self-control is all about:

1. Temperance, rational restraint of natural impulses
2. Sober, temperate, calm and dispassionate approach to life, having mastered personal desires and passions
3. Calls for a self-disciplined life following Christ's example of being in the world but not of the world
4. Restraint or discipline exercised over one's behavior

The above definitions perfectly describe what God is looking for once He starts to work and transmit this quality up into our personalities. This specific quality is one of the major keys in being able to get any kind of victory over some of the lusts and desires of our flesh.

Conclusion

All of the above definitions on each one of the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit give you a perfect description of what each one of them are all about, and why God the Father really wants to work each one of these 9 fruits into our personalities.

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Shepherd's Voice

2. Protection - Acts 20:28

Apostle Paul exhorts the elders of the church at Ephesus to take heed of its flock. The members of the church, which are compared to a flock of sheep, are to be looked after and watched over by the shepherds or the leaders of the church. They are accountable to God for each of the members of the church - Heb 13:17. A church is a place where its members can enjoy being inside a circle of care and protection - 1 Pet 5:2-5.

Three areas of protection

Rooted and grounded in truth - Eph 4:14 – Some people are fickle and do not have fixed views and principles when it comes to religious doctrines. Its easy for them to yield to every new opinion and teaching. But a church can help its members to be rooted in sound doctrine through strong teachings of the Scripture.

Freedom from deception - Eph 4:14 – Its easy to get deceived by crafty people. A church helps its members to be on guard against false teachings that corrupt the word of God.

Care acts - 1 Pet 5:2 – A church can provide care acts to its members, in terms of prayer and emotional support. Every member of the church is under the protection of a prayer circle. The church leaders, zonal leaders, cell leaders and associate leaders cover the members of the church in prayer.

The church works to fulfill the spiritual needs of its members and to offer protection, fellowship and a sense of belongingness by caring for one another physically, emotionally, economically, and spiritually. The care of God's people is a church-wide ministry in which all the members of the church care for the interests of each other, supporting each other in practical ways and in prayer.