Title: Fruit of the Holy Spirit
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Good morning, teachers and students. Today, the topic that I want to share with you is: Fruit of the Holy Spirit (%u53f7%u6548%u6797%u7f8a%u7684%u5143%u8a00).

First of all, I would like to share with you the Bible scriptures from Galatians Chapter 5 Verses 22-23: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (加拉太書 5:22-23 節 「聖靈所結的果子，就是仁愛、喜樂、和平、忍耐、恩慈、良善、信實、溫柔、節制。」)

Boys and girls, may I ask you a question? According to the above Bible scripture, how many of fruits are there for the Holy Spirit? According to the Chinese version of the Bible, it seems that there are nine fruits. But according to the English version of Bible, “the fruit of the Spirit” is singular. In other words, there is only one fruit from the Holy Spirit. But inside this fruit, you will find love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

This is a very important observation and interpretation from the Bible. If there are nine fruits, it implies we have to pursue these nine characters separately. It also implies we may adopt different methods to achieve these nine characters. Then, we will miss the focus and the main point.

Actually, to achieve love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, the Bible Galatians Chapter 5 tells us that we have to do one thing only. Go to Jesus. Go to the Holy Spirit. Whatever the problems are, whenever you have problems and wherever you face the problems, just go to Jesus and Holy Spirit, ask Jesus and Holy Spirit to help you and do what Jesus and Holy Spirit tell you to do. They will tell you what to do through the Bible. If you really do so, you will have the fruit of the Spirit. Then, you will have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

For example, when you are worried about the test and examination and you do not have joy. Just go to Jesus and Holy Spirit, tell Jesus and Holy Spirit what you are worrying. Then, through the Bible and the angels or friends that Jesus sends to you,
you will have joy. Or when you lose your self-control, you cannot control yourself and spend too much time on the computer games. Just go to Jesus and Holy Spirit, tell Jesus and Holy Spirit that you cannot control yourself and are indulged in the computer games. Then, through the Bible and the angels or friends that Jesus sends to you, Jesus will help you to have self-control on yourself and not to indulge in the games anymore.

Boys and girls, I sincerely hope that all of you will have the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your heart so that in your daily lives, other people will discover your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.