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COURSE UNIT TITLE: The Fruit & Gifts of the Spirit

COURSE UNIT CODE: FGS 304

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METHOD OF STUDY

[A] Classroom, Self-Directed Learning Or Both:

Classroom instructions, self-directed learning or facilitation are primarily by -
(1) The Scriptures/the Bible itself (King James Version, KJV). (2) The Holy Spirit & Prayer. Thus, the Word and the Spirit, therefore, are the basis and strength of the FReNBI curriculum.

Adjunct Faculty, Recommended Books & Materials (Disclaimer):

The FReNBI faculty is non-denominational, where Instructors/Facilitators are proven Bible scholars/ministers and mentors are drawn from diverse ministries, churches or denominations. Being at the liberty of the Holy Spirit to teach according to their individual abilities, Instructors/Facilitators may draw upon the examples, teachings and testimonies of the early Church fathers, Bible scholars, historians, and theologians of the Christian Faith, and recommend relevant books and materials. Nevertheless, such are and must be limited to, non-denominational teachings, books and materials. FReNBI has no official list of recommended books and materials. The reason being that some books or materials may directly or indirectly draw upon denominational doctrines which may be distinct from the doctrine of the Word or the revelation of the Spirit. FReNBI, however, is and shall remain a non-denominational Institute which offers to the whole Body of Christ a non-denominational curriculum based on the doctrine of the Word and the Holy Spirit. It is a Word-based and Spirit-filled curriculum aimed at facilitating the unity of the Faith through knowledge (Ephesians 4:11-13). Thus, FReNBI does not get tied up with the non-essentials of the Faith, such as the socio-cultural issues and the debatable details of denominationalism which divide the Body of Christ. Any of such conduct or teaching is exterior to and does not reflect the purpose and scope of, the FReNBI curriculum.

[B1] SELF DIRECTED LEARNERS (FCBS/DISTANCE LEARNING OR FReNBI ONLINE STUDENTS) ARE TO CONTINUE HERE:

PREPARING TO START

(1) Your study time is to be accompanied by prayers. Whenever the revelation of truth dawns on you or the power of truth takes hold of your spirit, such is a good time to pray it out. Don't miss this chance. Such a moment is the time to pray and meditate, observing moments of silence or quietness, making proclamations and confessions, prophesying etc.; as the move of the Spirit dictates. That is the time to check up related scriptures that flash through your mind. Singing, praying more, and doing as that spiritual occasion serves you.

Be sure to write down any spiritual development in your FCBS Notebook. What occurs to you, what God may be saying to you, what you may see or feel concerning issues of your life, etc. Expect things to be revealed to you while you study. It is to be a prayer-driven study.

(2) Review the document: "Certificate/Diploma of Ministry – Course Units & Time Frame". Then - CHOOSE BETWEEN A DAILY STUDY PLAN: (MON –FRIDAYS) 2 HRS OR MORE DAILY, OR A WEEKLY STUDY PLAN: ANY 10 HOURS OF THE WEEK OR WEEKEND. SPECIFY IN YOUR NOTEBOOK ON PAGE 1 WHICH DAYS OF THE WEEK YOU HAVE CHOSEN AND BE ACCOUNTABLE TO YOURSELF.

GAINING A GENERAL OVERVIEW

Set aside your first 6 hours and be able to read through the entire syllabus. Starting from this Method Of Study to the Examination page (optional) at the end of this syllabus. For example, you can set aside these hours in 2 periods of 3 hours each to achieve the combined total of your first 6 hours.

Please do get back to the beginning of METHOD OF STUDY and re-read the whole of this syllabus. In doing so, do pay special attention to specific lessons, paragraphs, phrases or verses that you may feel a need to re-read. The Holy Spirit will be prompting you on certain points that will be triggered to your present and future miracles. Keep re-reading until you accomplish the combined total of 6 hours required for the OVERVIEW.

COMMENCING YOUR STUDY, LESSON BY LESSON

- (1) Start your study time reading-through the entire lesson for the day/week, e.g. Lesson 1.
- (2) Next, go over the same lesson. This time, slowly and meditatively. As things occur to you. You may feel like praying it out, speaking it out, or repeating scriptures aloud to yourself...and writing down any revelation in your FCBS Notebook, along with the date.

Remember to apply this important requirement to all subsequent lessons in this study. You will no longer be reminded of this requirement beyond this point.

QUESTIONS TO MIND AS YOU STUDY

- (a) How do these scriptures apply to my life and destiny?
- (b) What is the vital principle of scripture, correction, reproof, or direction that I need to apply from these scriptures to my life, to fulfil my obedience?
- (c) Is there any personal message that the Lord is passing across to me?
- (d) What prayer do I need to pray from these scriptures to shape my life and Calling?

[B2] CLASSROOM INSTRUCTORS ARE TO CONTINUE HERE:

METHOD OF DELIVERY OF A FReNBI COURSE

- (1) Teaching of the Word by the Instructor.
- (2) Praying the revealed Word by the students: students led by the Instructor. That is, engaging students to pray-out the revelation of truth as it flows out of the delivery: 1, 2, or 3 times (in each period of 45 mins - 60 mins) as the flow of the Word and the move of the Spirit dictates.
- (3) Singing spiritual songs, hymns and psalms, spontaneously when the Spirit leads, in the course of Instructions/lectures.

(4) Ministering the revealed truth by the Instructor; that is, ministering the truth revealed in the course of the teaching, praying for the students with the truth studied, and proclaiming the blessing of the revelation upon them.

(5) Contribution to classroom-ministry by students; under the direction of the Instructor, through spontaneous songs, prophecies, exhortations, testimonies, questions & answers, etc.

- Classroom Instructors and all self-directed Learners continue here -

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Vision of FGS 304 is to equip the student with the understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, towards an effective service in the Kingdom of God. Effective service is made possible through:

(1) the development of the fruit or character of the Spirit beginning from salvation, and
(2) the manifestation of the Gifts of the Spirit beginning from the time the believer receives the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

We need to build up a character that matches the gifts of the Spirit through bearing the fruit of the Spirit, which is in itself the result of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and his inner workings.

Learners will discover through this study that the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit are our weapons of warfare. Operating in the fruit keeps you away from the flesh, and the enemy will have no place or hold over your life while operating in the gifts is an absolute necessity for effective service.

Learners will discover that God is (1) Omnipotent: the word "*potent*" simply means 'powerful', and where "*Omni*" means all. God is all-powerful in His creative ability. Genesis 1:2. (2) Omniscient: the word "*cient*" simply means knowing. He is all-knowing. These two attributes of God underscore our study of the fruit and gifts of the Spirit, FGS 304.

OBJECTIVE: Our objective in FGS 304 is to help the believer to know and experience the divine impartation of the Holy Spirit in, and through, the believer, which is demonstrable in mighty signs and wonders backed by genuine Christ-like character. We aim to see the operations of these gifts and fruits in the Body of Christ.

"The gifts of the Spirit are the weapons God gives us to fight and win our battles. We must never underestimate their strength, their power, and their usefulness; but we must study them deeply and continuously until they function through us" Lester Sumrall

That by reason of this indwelling Spirit, the student can operate fully in both the Gifts and fruit of the Spirit, thereby living a fruitful Christian life, full of signs and wonders for the end-time harvest of the Kingdom of God.

LESSON 1

INTRODUCTION TO THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

These are fruits that come about because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. When we come to Christ, our human nature needs to be renewed and transformed. The Holy Spirit's work in us is to help us to effect changes towards Christ-likeness. Laying aside, malice, backbiting, hatred etc. Ephesians 4: 22. "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness".

1. **Love-** Love comes from God, and He is Love. When the Spirit of the Lord indwells us, it should be part of us since the Holy Spirit sheds his Love abroad in our hearts. Romans 5:5. 1 John 4:7-12.

It is acquired by practising Love and not through having hands laid on you. You consciously choose to love, even when you are hurting. The Bible says love faileth not. Love is Gods attribute.

1 Corinthians 13:1-9" If I speak in the tongues^[a] of men or of angels, but do not have Love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have Love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,^[b] but do not have Love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient; Love is kind. It does not envy; it does not boast; it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonour others; it is not self-seeking; it is not easily angered; it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hope, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where what is in part disappears."

LESSON 2

2. **Joy-** it is a fruit of the Spirit which should be present in us, regardless of what the circumstance may be. Proverbs 17:22. The Psalmist says let them that put their trust in you rejoice. Psalm 5:11. Joy is a product of the supernatural. Fellowship and relationship with God produce joy. Psalm 16:11 says ..." in Your presence is fullness of Joy."
3. **Peace-** Amidst turmoil or calamity, you should practise holding on to your peace. Peace is a state of rest, quietness amidst trouble. Mark 4:38-39; John 14:27; John 16:33.
Peace: "freedom from disturbance; tranquillity. Calm, restfulness, peace" (Google dictionary).

4. **Patience-** Being able to endure or stay calm in provocations without murmuring or complaining. 2 Corinthians 6:4; James 1:2-4; Hebrews 12:1-4. It also means showing restraint in the face of provocation. Love is patient.

5. **Kindness-** we should be able to show kindness to other people just the way we would like to be treated. It is a product of Love. It is described as -

"An attribute of God and quality desirable but not consistently found in humans. The main problem in understanding kindness is the fact that it is one of a series of terms that are overlapping and not clearly or consistently distinguishable in meaning. It is true not only in English language (kindness, goodness, mercy, pity, Love, grace, favour, compassion, gentleness, tenderness, etc.) but also in Greek (chrestos, eleemon, oiktirmon, charis, agape, splanchnon, epieikeia, etc.) and in Hebrew (hesed, tob, rahamim, hemlah, hen, etc.). Dictionary - Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology.

Consider, for example, the relationship of Love, goodness, kindness, and mercy in Luke 6:35-36. Nevertheless, although distinctions are not consistent, kindness (like goodness, love) tends to cover a broad range of meaning, with mercy and grace being progressively narrower."

LESSON 3

6. **Goodness-** It should be a part of you even though sometimes people may not return your act of goodness. It is about just being good because God is good.

7. **Faithfulness-** it has the root of 'faith' and implies honesty or sincerity. It is to trust God without reservations. Usually, people are faithful to what they deem as important or valuable.

"Loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, trueness, staunchness, steadfastness, constancy, commitment, adherence, allegiance, dedication, devoutness, fondness, Love, admiration, affection, attentiveness, care, caring, warmth, closeness."
- Google dictionary meaning.

8. **Gentleness-** it means to be composed, unmoved in conduct. God wants us to have confidence in Him, and nothing should move us.

9. **Self-control-** we should be able to exercise self-control at all times and not just do what we feel like and when we feel like it.

LESSON 4

WHAT ARE THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT?

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are divine communications to the Church transmitted from the trinity through the channel of the Holy Spirit, who is the third person in the trinity. 1 Corinthians 12:1-7.

"When our Lord Jesus came to this earth to conquer it and redeem it, He functioned only within the framework of the gifts of the Spirit. All the 'miracles' Jesus performed were the result of a gift of the Spirit functioning at that time" Lester Sumrall

THERE ARE NINE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. Word of wisdom.
2. Word of knowledge
3. Faith
4. Gifts of Healing
5. Gifts of working miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discerning of spirits
8. Divers kinds of tongues
9. Interpretation of tongues.

These gifts are separated into three categories.

1. REVELATION GIFTS

- a) Word of wisdom
- b) Word of Knowledge
- c) Discerning of spirits

2. POWER GIFTS

- a) Gifts of Healing
- b) Gifts of Working of Miracles
- c) Gift of Faith

3. VOCAL GIFTS

- a) Gift of Prophecy
- b) Divers kinds of Tongues
- c) Interpretation of Tongues

LESSON 5

THE REVELATION GIFTS

God Almighty reveals His truth to man. These are divine revelations from heaven to a man on facts which are not naturally known by man, except revealed by the all-knowing God. God reveals things about the future, past and present to man through the Word of wisdom, the word of knowledge and the Discerning of spirits.

- a) **Word of wisdom**- This is not just wisdom; it is a gift of the Holy Spirit. It is when you receive insight into the future or what is to come. This talks of the revelation of the prophetic future. The word of Wisdom is part of the omniscient of God; He is all-knowing. It can be about people, about places or pertaining to things to come.

God wants us to experience this gift so that we can know the mind of the Spirit, showing us what to do about a particular situation. It always pertains to the future and not the present or the past. This gift can be manifested through

Dreams or visions. Genesis 6:13. Acts 27:10,21,22; The word of wisdom is also used to set people apart for specific assignments. Acts 13:2.

EXAMPLES

Acts 23:11 Paul received the word of wisdom for the future.

Daniel was also given the word of wisdom by interpreting the dream.

Allow God to use you as a channel of blessing as He shows you like He showed Paul. Acts 27.

The word of wisdom is also used to set aside ministers, e.g. David. He received the word of wisdom that it was Solomon who would succeed him as king, not Adonijah.

- b) **Word of knowledge**- Not just knowledge. It is a revelation from heaven of certain facts in the present or the past. It cannot be seen or heard naturally but has got to do with divine revelation. In the Old Testament, all the gifts of the Spirit were in operation except the gifts of diverse tongues and interpretation of tongues.

EXAMPLES: John 1:45-51 Jesus and Nathaniel.

John 4:16 Jesus was able to see into the past and get details on the past about the life of the woman at the well.

Elisha could know from his bedroom about everything the king was planning to do through the gift of knowledge. 2 Kings 6:8-12.

Acts 10:9-10, Peter was busy praying and saw a vision: a man who was not a Hebrew but was trustworthy. At the same time, the people sent to Peter were waiting outside the door, ready to lead him to Cornelius.

2 Kings 5:20-27 The word of knowledge given to Elisha when he saw his servant running to Naaman to get money from him. Even the amount of silver was revealed to the man of God.

1 Samuel 10:22. The word of knowledge was of assistance in finding where the new king for Israel was.

- c) **Discernment of spirits**- It is not suspicion. Suspicion is of the flesh and a counterfeit to this gift. It refers to the divine ability to see the activities of another spirit and being able to determine whether it is a bad spirit or a good spirit. It is the divine ability to see the process of the activity of the spirit that motivates a person's action. It happens any time and has no past, present or future.

EXAMPLES:

Acts 16:16-19 He was able to discern the spirit which was in a young girl and was able to address it by speaking straight to it.

Acts 13:6-10, Paul was able to discern the evil spirit and identifies the false prophecy of a witch doctor. Other examples are:

□Acts 8:15-22. Simon, the sorcerer.

- Matthew 16:16-17...Jesus said flesh and blood had not REVEALED that to Peter.
- Matthew 16:22-23...Jesus discerned that it was Satan speaking.

LESSON 6

THE POWER GIFTS

These are vehicles God uses to channel His supernatural power through His Church to destroy the works of the devil. In this category are The gifts of healing, the working of miracles, and the gift of faith. A lot of the times, the last two gifts seem to work hand in hand.

- a) **The gift of faith-** This is not the Word-based faith. It is a Spirit-based faith and the spiritual impartation to believe God for the impossible.

Word-based faith in God is intentionally built-up (Jude 20), sees the invisible and initiates a step of faith. Anyone who has faith has the full assurance (Heb 11:1-2) that what they speak according to the Word will happen.

The gift of faith is different from that Word-based faith. It is a supernatural ability to believe without a doubt. It is the full assurance imparted in an instant or momentarily in the heart that things will happen accordingly. (You act flowing with that gift of the Spirit.)

Example: 2 Kings 3:17. A valley filled with water with no cloud in sight. John 11:42. Jesus called dead Lazarus back to life. It was the gift of faith also at work when He told them to roll away the stone.

2 Kings 4:38-41 Elisha at the school of the prophets. 2 Kings 6:5-7.

This gift can operate in areas of divine protection, divine provision etc. It is the functioning of God on your inside. Moses, Daniel and other men of God in the old testament operated in this gift also.

- b) **Working of miracles-** in this gift, we see the omnipotent God at work. It is a supernatural intervention or occurrence in the ordinary cause of nature. It is a temporal suspension of the natural order of things through the Spirit of God. The working of miracles and faith work hand and in hand. Joshua 10:12. 2 Kings 2:9-12.

EXAMPLES:

Daniel, Samson, David and others operated in this gift.

Elijah stood the test until God answered by fire.

John 9:2-32 is a story of the gift of the working of miracles at work. It is not Just healing, but creative miracle at work. Numbers 22:21-23: A dumb donkey speaking with the voice of a man. Elijah and Elisha smote Jordan river 2 Kings 2:8,13-14. Jesus at the marriage John 2:1-11.

- c) **Gifts of healing-** Through these gifts (notice that the Bible uses the plural, gifts, and not gift). This is so because the healing gifting is diverse in

operation, manifestation, or specialisation. Such examples abound in the book 'God's Generals' by Roberts Liardon. Men like Jack Coe (whose healing-gift seems to specialise on setting free people from their wheelchairs). Fred Squire on blind eyes. Smith Wigglesworth with a lot of manifestation of the gift on epileptic seizures. Stephen Jeffrey on rheumatoid arthritis. While these gifts of healing, among other gifts, tend to specialise, they are also limited gifts in that no one person can possess all of them at once. Only the Lord Jesus operated in all and consistently without fail.

These gifts bring healing to the sick and destroy the works of the devil in the human body. Mark 16:15-18. Ephesians 4:11-12. Luke 4:32,36,38-41. It is the supernatural power to heal all manner of diseases without human effort or aid.

LESSON 7

INSPIRATIONAL/VOCAL GIFTS

This category of gifts has to do with speaking forth supernaturally inspired words from the Holy Spirit:

- a) **Gift of Prophecy** – Speaking from the Spirit for edification, exhortation and comfort in a known language. The result of what it is to achieve is known as prophecy. 1 Corinthians 14:2-3. Spending time in the presence of God enables you to hear what God is saying. Availability to be used is a very important key here.
- b) **Divers kinds of tongues** – Proclaiming or speaking, publicly or privately, in a language that is not understood by the person who is speaking it. Even though the speaker does not understand it, but in the spirit, he is speaking mysteries
- c) **Interpretation of tongues**- This comes into operation when a message from God in tongues has been given or released. Tongues interpreted are for edification, exhortation, and comfort. The mental faculty is not involved, and therefore there is a need for interpretation. The aim of interpretation is for people to understand. 1 Corinthians 14:4. Love, unity and the desire for it as a gift are required for all spiritual gifts to operate.

Assignment on lesson 7: 50 marks

- (a) List 3 instances in the Old Testament and 3 in the New Testament where the gift of prophecy manifested. Cite the scriptures. 24 marks.
- (b) Compare and contrast the Old Testament and the New Testament manifestation of prophecy (not more than one A4 page). 26 marks.

COURSE GRADING
(Exams & Records Unit)

- A. Examination: ----- Total Marks: 40%
- B. Assignments/Practicum ----- Total Marks: 50%
- C. Any Other Task/bonus marks:----- Total Marks: 10%
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COURSE EXAMINATION

FACULTY: AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF MINISTRIES, AUSOM
(IN CONJUNCTION WITH AFRISOM)

COURSE: THE FRUIT & GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

COURSE CODE: FGS 304

TIME ALLOWED: 45 MINS

Specifically to self-directed Learners: Once started, you are not allowed to go over your notes any more. You may do so only before you get started. Let's see how you can build for yourself a God-integrity when no one else is watching you. All the very best, if you choose to proceed now or later!

Instruction to all: The following are quotes which you, at this stage of the study, should be familiar. Fill in the blank spaces. One word required for each blank space.

(1) The fruit of the Spirit is: _____

(2) The three categories of the Gifts of the Spirit are these:

_____.

(3) “_____ is not suspicion. Suspicion is of the flesh and a counterfeit to this gift”.

(4) “_____ : This is a revelation from heaven of certain facts in the present or the past”.

(5) “The word of _____ : This is when you receive insight about the _____ or what is to come. This talks of the revelation of the prophetic future”.