

THE FRUITS OF A LIFE OF FAITH

Meekness and Humility

"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." (Matthew 11:29)

Rest and Contentment

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." (Psalm 23:1)

"Indeed, godliness with contentment is a great source of profit, for we brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it; therefore, if we have food and clothing, we will be content. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs." (1 Timothy 6:6-10)

A lack of rest and contentment leads to bitterness

"So the two women continued their journey to Bethlehem. When they arrived, the whole town was stirred up because of them. The women asked, 'Is that Naomi?' But she replied, 'Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has made my life very bitter. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty. Why do you call me Naomi? The Lord has turned against me! The Almighty has brought misfortune upon me!' So Naomi returned from the land of Moab, bringing with her Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law. They arrived in Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest." (Ruth 1:19-22)

"Strive to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God, so that no root of bitterness may spring up and cause trouble, defiling many." (Hebrews 12:14-15).

