

## Fruit for Sale

Cast: 2 Fruit Mongers, Customer

Props: 2 shoulder boxes (one with fake fruit, other with grid with the Fruit of the Spirit written in it: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control)

Scripture: Gal 5:22,23

*(enter Fruit Monger 1 (FM1) shouting his wares from his fruit box)*

**FM1:** Fresh Fruit! Get your fresh fruit here! Get 'em while they last! Last fruit for the day! Fresh Fruit! Get your fresh fruit here!

*(enter customer)*

**Cust:** There you are! I've been looking for you for the last 10 minutes. I heard your voice but couldn't find you. What were you doing, hiding from me?

**FM1:** Well you know... I've got to move around, go where the action is, sell my fruit. I can't just sit around waiting for people to come to me; I've got to go to them.

**Cust:** I'm here now and my mouth's been watering for some fruit. I'm SO hungry. What do you have?

**FM1:** Take a look and see for yourself. I've got a variety of things.

**Cust:** How much is your fruit?

**FM1:** Now that depends what you pick. The apple is \$10 and the banana is \$20.

**Cust:** What??? That's outrageous! I'm not going to pay that.

**FM1:** *(enticing customer with fruit)* Didn't you say your mouth's been watering for some fruit since you heard my voice. I'm the only one around. You heard of Supply and Demand? Fork over the money and you can have your fruit.

**Cust:** That's highway robbery, but what choice do I have?

*(enter Fruit Monger 2 (FM2) shouting his wares from his "fruit" box)*

**FM2:** Fruit Here! Get your fruit here! All you want for free!

**Cust:** WHAT??? *(runs over to FM2)*

**FM1:** *(angry)* You can't be serious! This is my city! *(storms over to FM2)*

**FM2:** I've got fruit, enough fruit for everyone.

**Cust:** *(looking in box)* Hey! Your box is empty! What gives? I thought you said you had fruit and were giving it away.

**FM1:** You bum! Get off the street! You'll give Fruit Mongers a bad name!

**FM2:** I do have fruit; just a different kind of fruit. Look. *(holding up box for audience to see)* See... there's love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are called the Fruit of the Spirit and I've got enough for everyone.

**Cust:** *(scratching head)* I still don't see any fruit.

**FM1:** Yeah. You're nothing but a liar.

**FM2:** But the Fruit of the Spirit is not in the box but here *(pointing to self)*. God promises that once you become a believer in His Son, a Christian, God will forgive you for all your sins, and the Holy Spirit comes to live in you. Then you own the Fruit of the Spirit. Once that happens, as you learn to listen to God and obey His Word, you'll start to see how the Fruit of the Spirit shows up in your life.

**Cust:** What do you mean? I don't understand how that's possible.

**FM2:** Well, it's like this. The fruit of the Spirit gives the Christian the ability to act in the world without being a slave to the world's desires. For instance, I bet you were looking around for the other fruit monger for a while. You've got stains on your shirt where you were drooling! But in the Bible, in Galatians 5:22, 23, it says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." It's these qualities that also tell the world you're a Christian. They make your life better and help you to treat the people around you better too.

**FM1:** Oh yeah? What's the catch? It sounds too easy for me to swallow. What else is there to do? Who do I give my hard earned money to?

**FM2:** God doesn't ask you for anything. It's a free gift He wants to give to everyone. It only takes wanting to get to know God and His Bible better. But the rewards are incredible. Ask God for the fruits of the Spirit and He will bless you with them.

**Cust:** Hey, that sounds great. How can I get this fruit?

**FM2:** That's easy. You simply ask God to forgive you and have His Son's death be the payment for your sins.

**Cust:** That's it? I still can't believe there's nothing else that I have to do or pay for.

**FM2:** That's it. I'll even walk with you and talk some more about it with you if you like.

**Cust:** That sounds good. Let's go.

**FM1:** *(still angry and not buying any of the story of FM2)* Hey! What about my fruit? I've got this nice juicy fruit right here!

**Cust:** That's okay. I'm not hungry any more. You keep it.

*(Customer exits with FM2)*

**FM1:** *(shouting)* Fine! Who needs you, any way? I've got other jerks who'll buy my fruit! *(goes back to hawking his fruit)* Fresh Fruit! Get your fresh fruit here! Get 'em while they last! Last fruit for the day! Fresh Fruit! Get your fresh fruit here!

*(exits hawking his fruit)*