



# Before the THRONE

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Exodus 28:34-35

“A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe round about. And it shall be upon Aaron to minister....” Exodus 28:34,35

Fruit and gifts; gifts and fruit! The Christian has been clothed with the garments of salvation and with the robe of righteousness. (Isaiah 61:10). Salvation is of course, a very personal thing. However, with a genuine experience of salvation comes evidence of our new life in Christ. Everywhere the believer goes two things should be in continual demonstration – fruit and gifts.

Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:7-10)

“And these signs shall follow them that believe. (Mark 16:17). It is not enough to talk. The world is waiting for an attestation to our words. “And my speech and my preaching were not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not stand the wisdom of man, but in the power of God.” (1 Corinthians 2:4-5).

Fruit (Galatians 5:22-23)

As wonderful and as important the gifts of the Spirit are to help confirm the message of Jesus Christ, nothing can replace the godly character and Christ-likeness of the true believer! “And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.” (Acts 11:26)

Let us be aware of the Spirit’s desire today to do two things in our lives. First, He desires to help us “ring the bell” – to allow the gifts of the Spirit to operate through us so that He can minister to the needy people all around us. And secondly, He desires that His fruit be allowed to ripen in our lives, again to the end that other people may “taste and see that the LORD is good.”

Can the Lord gain the attention of other people, through His gifts operating in your life by love? “... faith works by love.” (Galatians 5:6). Selah! “Think about that.”

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