

INTRODUCTION

The Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit card Game is developed by Rev. Olajide A. Aderinto, the former Director of Baptist Press Nig. Ltd. The game is meant to teach and educate the players especially children, teenagers and youths about the Fruits and Gifts of the Holy Spirit. There are 9 manifestations of the fruits of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Galatians 5:22-23 - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law (NIV).*

The various Gifts of the Holy Spirit are outlined in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 -

7. *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.*

8. *For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;*

9. *To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;*

10. *To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues;*

11. *But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he wills.*

Other ministry gifts are outlined in Ephesians 4:11-13 and Romans 12:6-8.

11. *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;*

12. *For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:*

13. *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. (Eph. 4:11-13).*

6. *Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;*

7. *Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching;*

8. *Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness (Rom. 12:6-8).*

The 5 ministry gifts in Ephesians 4:11-13 and service gifts in Romans 12:6-8 have been combined with the gifts in 1 Cor. 12:7-11 to make a total of 16 gifts of the Spirit in this card game. The fruits of the Holy Spirit helps to shape the Christian's character so that he/she

can be able to maximize the use of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to serve God and humanity thereby expanding God's kingdom on earth. This card game which is similar to the popular *Whot* game teaches the players to try to attain more of the fruits of the Spirit and use their spiritual gifts well for God's glory.

FEATURES OF THE PILLARS GAME

This card game has the following features:

(i) *The Pack:* This is the card-game packaging which contains 52 pieces of cut cards printed on both sides of the surface with the instructions of how to play the game in it.

(ii) *Playing Cards:* The playing cards are 52 pieces in all. It has coloured prints on the front with images. The back of the cards contains some biblical symbols and what they represent in the Bible. The front of the cards contain 9 different fruits representing the fruits of the Spirit namely: apple (love), mango (joy), banana (peace), water melon (forbearance), pear (kindness), pawpaw (goodness), orange (faithfulness), pineapple (gentleness) and guava (self-control). 16 pieces of the card have the gifts of the Holy Spirit, 24 cards have different scenes and scenarios requiring the intervention of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit while the remaining 3 cards are the *joker* which

is labeled "GIVING" which is the greatest 'grace' (beyond the gifts) according to John 3:16, Eph. 4:8-11 and 1 Cor. 12. The Trinity (God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) all exhibited this grace of Giving.

All these 52 cards contain the 5 *whot* game shapes namely: *star, triangle, cross, square*, and *circle* at the top and bottom. They also contain numbers at the top and bottom. These numbers are represent the *whot* card numbers for playing the cards. The game follows the same *whot* card numbers rules. This card has 2 different games that can be played either using the *front* side or the *back* side of the card.

HOW TO PLAY THE FRUITS & GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHOT GAME

The front side of this game is played using the *whot* game rules with the following meaning and rules applicable:

1 (*Hold On*): Play again immediately.

2 (*Pick Two*): Next player draws 2 cards and misses a turn.

5 (*Pick Three*): Next player draws 3 cards and misses a turn.

8 (*Suspension*): Next player misses a turn (or everyone picks one card in some versions).

14 (*General Market*): All other players draw one card.

In playing the *fruits* and *gifts* card game,

players play either by matching the shapes on the cards or the numbers. In doing this, the players automatically matches the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit with the scenarios, challenges or problems they need to respond to i.e. the needs to be responded to. The following 5 steps are crucial to playing the game:

Objective: Get rid of all your cards before your opponents.

Setup: Shuffle the special 52-cards (with shapes and numbers) and deal 5-6 cards to each player. Place the rest face down as the draw pile, and turn the top card over to start.

Game play: Players take turns matching the top card of the discard pile by either the symbols/shapes (e.g., a Star card on a Star card) or number (e.g., a 7 on a 7). Players should learn from the game by taking note of the way the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit matches and respond to the various needs and challenges of the cards.

Special Whot (joker): These are the 3 *joker* cards labeled "GIVING". You can play this card on any card to declare a new symbol to follow by naming the image on the symbol or shape.

Note: If you can't play, draw a card from the draw pile. You can even draw a card if you have a playable card, but you'll have to

play it or draw again.

Winning: The first player to play their last card wins the round. Remember to Announce "Last Card" when you have one card left to avoid penalties.

HOW TO PLAY THE SYMBOLS GAME

The *Fruits & Gifts* of the Holy Spirit card Game can also be played from the back. This is called the Symbols card game. The cards are divided at the back into two parts. The ones in royal blue colours which contains different symbols in the Bible are 26 cards while another 26 cards in purple colour represent the meanings of the various symbol in the Bible with their biblical references. All that the players do in playing this game is to share all or few of the cards among themselves (both the symbols and the answers cards). Then they begin to play the one card over against another card to successfully match the biblical symbols card with the correct biblical answer. The player that gets every card piles correctly wins the cards over and packs them to himself/herself. At the end of play, the player with the highest number of cards WINS the game. Where players are doubtful or not sure of the true meaning of a particular symbol on the card. They are to read the scriptural references under the purple card to get the right clue or check this manual as follows:

SYMBOLIC OBJECTS & MEANINGS

The rainbow: a symbol of God's covenant

A stairway: a symbol of the way to God

God's hand or arm: God's power

Trumpets: a symbol of God speaking

The pillar of cloud and fire: a symbol of guidance

A throne: a symbol of God's glory

Dry bones: a symbol of spiritual death

White hair: a symbol of wisdom

The wind: a symbol of the Holy Spirit

Stars and lampstands: symbols of God's ministers

A signet ring: a symbol of authority

Arrows: symbols of God's judgments

A sceptre: a symbol of God's rule

The capstone: a symbol of pre-eminence

A rock: a symbol of stability

The human body: a symbol of interdependence

Grass: a symbol of human frailty

Being thirsty: a symbol of spiritual need

Baptism: a symbol of salvation in Jesus Christ

The Lord's Supper: a symbol of union with Christ

Anointing: a symbol of empowering by God's Spirit

Tearing garments: a symbol of anger and sorrow

Shaking off dust: a symbol of rejection

Sitting in sackcloth and ashes: a symbol of repentance

Lifting of hands: a symbol of prayer

God's ear: a symbol of God listening

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