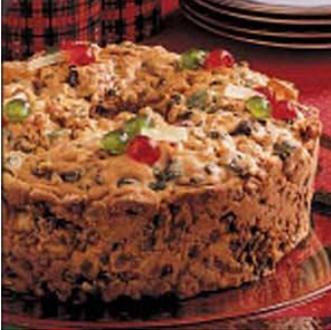


Are you a Fruitcake?



Here we are less than a week from Christmas Day. Are you ready?

- ❄ Gifts bought & wrapped? Check
- ❄ Tree up and decorated? Check
- ❄ Cards written and mailed? Check
- ❄ Nativity and bible out? Check

The only thing I need yet to do, is some baking. Cookies (chocolate chip and peanut butter of course), a mince pie or two and a giant tree cookie are on my list. What are you baking?

How about fruitcake? It's sort of a joke this time of year, but I happen to like fruitcake. A childhood memory I have is of baking fruitcakes with my dad. He'd put a finger to his lips with a silent "Sh-h-h" and hand me a piece of candied fruit.

Someone that is a little "off" is said to be a fruitcake sometimes. Actually, as Christians, we should all be fruitcakes. "Fruit of the Spirit" cakes.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
Galatians 5:22-23 KJV*

This time of year, the fruits are shining brightly as we greet one another with "Merry Christmas". We seem to be more patient (longsuffering) and show more restraint (temperance) as we deal with shopping and traffic. But, shortly after the lights come down and the gifts have lost their appeal, it seems we throw away our Spiritual fruits with the weeks-old leftover fruitcake.

As you think about the new year coming, maybe it's time to bake your "Spirit of the fruit" cake and keep the recipe handy all year long. You never know when someone may need a slice.

Wishing you a "Fruitful" Christmas!



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