

“By My Spirit!”
The Fruit Of The Spirit
Galatians 5:16-26

Introduction:

1. Looking At The Personal Work Of The Holy Spirit In The Lives Of Christians!
 - Seen His: Indwelling Presence / Extraordinary Power / Filling / Sanctifying - Being Made Holy!
2. How Do You Know If You If He Is Working In These Ways In Your Own Life?
 - How Do You Know If The Spirit Of God Is:
 - Indwelling / Empowering / Filling / Sanctifying You?
 - Seen Through “The Fruit Of The Spirit!”
 - Found In Galatians 5:16-26!
3. Jesus Taught:
 - Luke 6:44 - “For Every Tree Is Known By His Own Fruit!”
 - Matthew 7:17-20 - “Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them!”
 - This Is Also Found In Galatians 5!
 - Something Will Be “Manifest” (5:19)!
 - Either The “Works Of The Flesh!” (5:19-21)
 - Or The “Fruit Of The Spirit!” (5:22-23)
4. Each Of These Are Described In Detail – So That You Can See What Kind Of “Fruit” You Are Producing!
 - Look At The “Works Of The Flesh!”
 - When These Are “Manifest” You Can Tell What Has The Upper Hand In Your Life – Your Flesh – Your Sinful Nature!
 - They Will Be Plainly Recognized! “Plain As The Nose On Your Face!”
 - 17 Specific Examples!
 - Adultery
 - Fornication - Any Kind Of Sexual Immorality!
 - Uncleaness - Not Just In Actions / But In Thoughts!
 - Lasciviousness - Debauchery - Shocking / Excessive Sin!
 - Idolatry
 - Witchcraft - Pharmakeia - Potions / Drugs
 - Hatred - Long Term
 - Variance - Discord - Always Looking To Debate & Oppose - The Squeaky Wheel!
 - Emulations - Jealousy - Rivalry
 - Wrath - Short Term / Outbursts Of Anger!
 - Strife - A Selfish / Divisive / Fractious Spirit!
 - Seditious - Divisions!
 - Heresies - Factions - Following After Own Tenets!
 - Envyings - Covetousness - Wanting & Taking What Belongs To Another!
 - Murders
 - Drunkenness
 - Revellings - Carousing - Parties That Feed The Flesh!
 - And, If You Start To Think: “I’m OK - My Sin Isn’t Listed” - He Adds: “And Such Like” - Which Ought To Cover The Rest!
 - In Other Words, You Will Know If Your Flesh Is Showing!
 - **IE:** “Your Epidermis Is Showing!”
 - If These “Works Of The Flesh” Are Regularly “Manifest” In Your Life, You Are In A Dangerous Situation!
 - 5:21b!
 - But, Look At The “Fruit Of The Spirit!”
 - When These Are “Manifest” You Can Also Tell Who Has The Upper Hand In Your Life – The Holy Spirit Of God!

- Seen In Your:
 - Personal Condition!
 - Love!
 - Joy!
 - Peace!
 - Personal Conduct!
 - Longsuffering - Patience!
 - Gentleness - Outward Kindness!
 - Goodness - Inward!
 - Personal Character!
 - Faith - Faithfulness / Trustworthiness!
 - Meekness!
 - Temperance - Self-Control!
 - If This “Fruit Of The Spirit” Is Regularly “Manifest” In Your Life, You Enjoy Real Freedom!
 - “Against Such There Is No Law!” (5:23)
 - You Have The Freedom To Be As _____ As Possible!
5. What Do You See Coming From Your Own Heart & Into Your Life?
- Is It A Garden Full Of Fruit / Or Filled With Weeds?
 - And If You Don’t Like What You See, You Need To Stop Sowing To The Flesh & Start Sowing To The Spirit!
 - Galatians 6:7-9 - “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. / For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. / And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not!”
6. To Bear The Fruit Of The Spirit, It Needs To Be Cultivated!
- Always Remember & Trust That It Is “God That Giveth The Increase” (1 Corinthians 3:6) – But Still, As Paul Said: “I Have Planted, & Apollos Watered!”
 - They Were Sowing To The Spirit & Cultivated Spiritual Fruit!
 - How Is This Done?
 - By Walking!
 - Difference Between Walking & Running Behind A Mower - Become Careless & Dangerous - To Sow Seed, The Sower Needed To Walk, Take His Time, Make Sure Seed Was Sown On Good Ground! Otherwise, A Waste!

1. *Walk Step By Step In The Spirit!*

- 5:16 - “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh!”
 - The Context Of Galatians 5 Talks About A Christians Treatment Of Each Other In Love!
 - Explains How This Can Be Accomplished – By Living Your Life “In The Spirit” – As He Is In You!
 - Every Step Of Your Life Ought To Be:
 - Submitted To The Spirit!
 - Showing The Spirit!
 - Saturated By The Spirit!
 - When You Do This, You Will Not “Fulfill The Lust Of The Flesh!”
 - This Is The Only Solution To Fleshly / Carnal / Worldly Living!
 - Replacing It!
 - Parallel To The Command To “Be Filled” With The Spirit!

2. *Walk Out Of Step With The Flesh!*

- 5:17 - “For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would!”
 - Walking / Living Your Life In The Spirit Is So Important Because Of The Difference Between The Flesh & The Spirit!
 - Like Oil & Water! Cannot Mix!
 - There Is A War Between Your Flesh & The Spirit!

- When You “Walk In The Flesh” – It Will Gain The Upper Hand!

3. Walk Step After Step By The Spirit!

- 5:18 - “ But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law!”
 - True Freedom Comes From Following The Leading & Leadership Of The Holy Spirit!
 - Also Requires Us To Learn How He Leads!
 - In The Flesh, You Are Always In Danger Of Crossing The Lines!
 - In The Spirit, There Is No Law Restricting Your Love / Service / Works Of Righteousness For The Lord!
 - When You Follow The Leading Of The Holy Spirit:
 - You Stop Looking At The Boundaries & Look Down The Road – Freedom!
 - **IE:** Learning To Drive!
 - Pick Up Steam!
 - This Will Happen To A Real Christian, Because “They that are after the Spirit [mind] the things of the Spirit!” (Romans 8:5)

4. Walk In Step With The Spirit! (Agreement)

- 5:24-25 - “And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. / If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit!”
 - The Only Way To Have This Kind Of Fruit Is To Be “One Of Christ’s!”
 - A Relationship With Jesus Christ Must Be Established & Maintained!
 - And Because You Are “One Of Christ’s” You Must Realize What Has Actually Happened To Your Flesh!
 - “Crucified!”
 - Realize That The Power & Stronghold Of Sin Does Not Rule Over You Any Longer!
 - Romans 6:11 - “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord!”
 - Since The Flesh Is Crucified / And Now “We Live In The Spirit”:
 - Do Not Let The Remaining Corpse Of Sin Get In Your Way!
 - It Still Stinks / It Is Still Heavy
 - Don’t Sow To Your Flesh – Sow To The Spirit!

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