

Study: Galatians

Text: Galatians 5:22-23

“THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT—WALKING WITH LOVE”

The only way for the believer to have success in the Christian life is by “*walking in the Spirit*”—being dominated by the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in the life of the believer.

I. The Flesh and the Spirit (5:16-21)

We must have our mind saturated and dominated by the person of Jesus Christ.

II. The Fruit of the Spirit (v. 22-23)

The “*fruit of the spirit*” is a God empowered *attitude* of the heart that leads to *action* which characterizes the life—it is GODly *attitude* that leads to GODly *action*.

John 15:5 I am the **Vine**, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in **Me**, and **I** in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without **Me** ye can do nothing.

A. Walking with Love

The first aspect of the “*fruit of the Spirit*” is love.

1 Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

1. The _____ of Love

Jeremiah 31:3 The **LORD** hath appeared of old unto me, *saying*, “Yea, **I** have loved thee with an everlasting love [*eternal love that does not end*]: therefore with lovingkindness have **I** drawn thee.”

2. Christ’s _____ of Love (John 3:16)

- a. It is _____ love (Romans 5:8)
- b. It is _____ love (1 John 4:9-10)
- c. It is _____ love (John 13:1)
- d. It is _____ love (Romans 5:10)

3. Our _____ of Love (1 Corinthians 13:4-5)

John 15:13-14 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Cf. 1 John 3:16-18; 1 John 4:16

a. It is displayed in _____ (v. 4)

- i. Love is _____ (slow to anger)

Romans 12:17 Recompense [*repay*] to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

- ii. Love is _____ (Ephesians 4:32)

b. It is displayed in _____ (v. 4)

- i. Love is not _____
- ii. Love does not _____

Cf. Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3

- iii. Love is not _____

Proverbs 13:10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is **Wisdom**.

c. It is displayed in _____ (v. 5)

- i. Love does not behave _____
- ii. Love does not seek its _____ (Philippians 2:4)
- iii. Love is not easily _____

1 Peter 2:23 Who, when **He** was reviled, reviled not again; when **He** suffered, **He** threatened not; but committed **Himself** to **Him** that judgeth righteously:

- iv. Love does not _____ score

John 13:35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are **My** disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Q: What does your love look like?

1 John 4:20-21 If a man say, “I love **God**,” and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love **God** whom he hath not seen? **21** And this commandment have we from **Him**, That he who loveth **God** love his brother also.

What is my next step? For next week consider “joy and peace”

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else’s?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?

What Is My Next Step?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25
Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

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1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (**Put OFF**)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (**Renew**)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (**Renew**)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (**Renew**)
5. In light of what I have heard from God,... (**Put ON**)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must **I** demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will **I** most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready for those situations? (*If I don't have a plan for change, it probably won't happen.*)

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