

Galatians 5:22-26 **The Fruit of the Spirit**

1. The Spirit • Galatians 5:22-26

- a. The Spirit lusteth against the flesh. It wants things that the flesh does not want. (Gal 5:17)
- b. Being led of the Spirit does not mean that you are always following. This describes the Spirit's function. (Does Jesus stop being the "head" if you're not following? Ridiculous.)
 - i. Led is not a feeling, unction, or overwhelming emotion. Nor is your response forced.
 - ii. The Spirit is leading by the words He inspired.
- c. These things are contrary. If you're doing one, you cannot do the other.
- d. You cannot accomplish v14 by the law, but by walking in the Spirit.
- e. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. (9)
- f. These are not the "fruit of you", but of the Spirit, and a consequence of walking in the Spirit.
 - i. Reminder: This is not the list of "do these and live". You don't produce the fruits listed.
 - ii. Walking after the Spirit is to walk worthy according to the wisdom and knowledge God has given you to operate by (minding the things of God). It is knowing the will of God rightly divided and setting your affection on things above. It is standing and operating in liberty. (Col 1:9-10, 3:1-4)
 - iii. This is directly tied to the cross of Christ and what has been accomplished on your behalf. (Gal 5:24-25)
- g. God killed your flesh (along with its lusts). Recognize this, reckon this true, walk in it.
- h. Vain glory: the desire to glory in something other than what the cross has accomplished. (Gal 6:12-13)

2. Fruit • Galatians 5:22-23

- a. Love**
 - i. An affection of the mind, excited by beauty and worth of any kind (Col 3:2, 2 Cor 5:14)
- b. Joy**
 - i. The passion of emotion excited by acquisition or expectation of good (hope) (Rom 5:11, 15:13)
- c. Peace**
 - i. A state of quiet or tranquility; free from disturbance or agitation - re: temper of the mind (Rom 5:1, 8:6)
- d. Longsuffering**
 - i. Bearing injuries or provocation for a long time; patient; not easily provoked (charity) (1 Cor 13:4-5)
- e. Gentleness**
 - i. Soft mannered, mild temper, meekness, kindness, benevolence, tenderness - not violent, peaceable (1 Tim 2:1-4)
- f. Goodness**

- i. Physical qualities which constitute value, excellence, perfection (kindness, benevolence, mercy, showing favor) (Eph 5:3, 1 Tim 4:12, Titus 2:10)

g. Faith

- i. Belief, assent of the mind or understanding to the truth of what God has revealed (Rom 4:20-25)
- ii. Object of belief (Christ and His work)

h. Meekness

- i. Softness of temper, gentleness, forbearance, humility (1 Cor 10:1)

i. Temperance

- i. Moderation, restraint, patience, calmness (2 Tim 2:24-26)