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Title: Fruit-Filled Vs. Fruit Flavored

Text: Galatians 5:16-25

Target: The fruit of the Holy Spirit begins when the lust of the flesh comes to an end.

I. Walk by the Spirit: “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” (Vs. 16)

A. The War Within: “For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh.” (Vs. 17a)

B. The Will to Win: “for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.” (Vs. 17b)

II. Led by the Spirit: “But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.” (Vs. 18)

A. The Law demands Perfection: “under” (Vs. 18)

B. The Flesh demands Pleasure: “Now the works of the flesh are evident...” (Vs. 19-21a)

C. The Kingdom demands Pursuit: “I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.” (Vs. 21b)

III. Fruit of the Spirit: “But the fruit of the Spirit...” (Vs. 22a)

A. Singularity of the Fruit: “fruit” (Vs. 22)

B. Source of the Fruit: “the Spirit” (Vs. 22)

C. Subset of the Fruit: (Vs. 22a-23)

1. Upward Relationship with God: “love, joy, peace”

2. Outward Responsibility with Others: “patience, kindness, goodness”

3. Inward Requirement for Self: “faithfulness, gentleness, self-control against such things there is no law.”

IV. Live by the Spirit: “If we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” (Vs. 25)

A. Die to Self: “And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.” (Vs. 24)

1. Daily Decision: Crucify “passions”

2. Daily Direction: Crucify “desires”

B. Devote yourself: “Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.” (Vs. 26)

1. Daily Dependency: Not to be “conceited”

2. Daily Discernment: Not to be “provoking”

3. Daily Discipline: Not to be “envying”

Takeaway: Just two choices on the shelf, pleasing God or pleasing self.