

Known By Your Fruit Galatians 5:22-23

Galatians 5:18 ESV *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

Led by the Spirit means:

1. He **lives** in you
2. You are **open** & **sensitive** to His influence
3. Your life is **patterned** after His influence

Galatians 5:22,23 (ESV) *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

Opposite the **Fruit** is the **Flesh**

Galatians 5:16-21 (ESV) *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Characteristics of Fruit:

- Fruit isn't achieved by working, but is **birthed** by **abiding**.
- Fruit is **fragile**.
- Fruit **reproduces** itself.
- Fruit is **attractive**.
- Fruit **nourishes**.

Love **embraces** all the other fruits.

1 John 4:7 (ESV) *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.*

Joy -

Acts 16:25 (ESV) *About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them,*

Joy comes not from **who** we are but **whose** we are.

Joy comes not from **what** we have but **what** has been done for us.

Joy comes not from **where** we are but **where** we are going.

The peace of God is **tranquility** of heart.

Philippians 4:7 (ESV) *And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*