

***Walk By The Spirit:
The Role and Importance of the Holy Spirit in the Life of a Believer***

6 - The Fruit of the Spirit - Love

March 19, 2017

Galatians 5:16-26

Sunday Evening Bible Study

1. Review
 - 1.1. Trinity
 - 1.2. Characteristics of the Holy Spirit - He is God, a person and is powerful
 - 1.3. Wrong reasons to seek to be filled with the Spirit - Acts 8:9-24
 - 1.4. Right reason to seek to be filled with the Spirit - 1 Corinthians 12:7
 - 1.5. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit - Ephesians 5:18-21
 - 1.6. Things that prevent us from experiencing the Holy Spirit - Comfort and Volume
 - 1.7. The Spirit vs The Flesh - Romans 8:1-17
 - 1.8. Three Responses to the Works of the Flesh
 - 1.9. The Works of the Flesh

2. The Fruit of the Spirit
 - 2.1. The Fruit of the Spirit is opposed to the Flesh. (Gal 5:17)
 - 2.2. The Fruit of the Spirit gives our souls assurance of salvation. (John 15:8, Rom 8:9,13-14, Gal 5:19-23, 1 John 4:13)
 - 2.3. The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control. (Gal 5:22-23)
 - 2.4. The Fruit of the Spirit list is not an exhaustive list of Christian virtues. (2 Peter 1:3-7, Colossians 3:12-14)

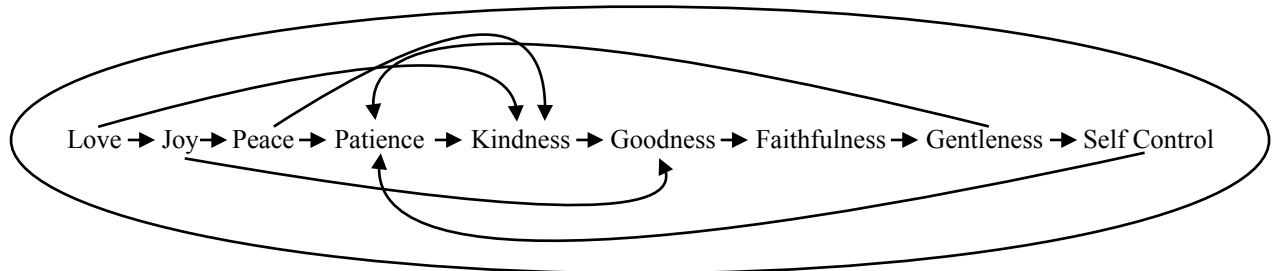
John Stott's Divisions

General Christian Virtues: Godward	Social Virtues: Manward	Inward Virtues: Selfward
Love	Patience	Faithfulness
Joy	Kindness	Gentleness
Peace	Goodness	Self-control

J. B. Lightfoot's Division

Habits of the Christian Mind	Social Engagement and Neighborly Concern	Principles to Guide a Christians Conduct
Love	Patience	Faithfulness
Joy	Kindness	Gentleness
Peace	Goodness	Self-control

Timothy George - An interconnected list of Christian virtues starting with love, the most important, that are mutually enriching and flow into one another.



3. Love

3.1. Love is Central to the Christian life (1 Cor 13:1-13, Col 3:14, 1 John)

3.2. Love is an act of the will, attended with affection and reason, that seeks happiness in the happiness of the beloved.

-Working Definition from Johnny Miller and John Piper as put together by Steve Bateman - Sermon 3/12/2017

3.3. Love should be directed to all people, but especially to those in the household of faith. (Galatians 6:9-10)

3.4. Christ's Example (Matthew 9:35-10:5; 14:14, John 3:16, John 15:12-13, 1 John 3:16, 1 John 4:9-12, Galatians 2:20)

3.5. So how do we love one another?

-We provide relief physically when ever we are needed. (1 John 3:17)

-We serve one another. (Galatians 5:13)

-We lay down our lives for one another. (John 15:13)

4. Application

4.1. Memorize- Memorize the fruit of the Spirit so that you can think about them during the day.

4.2. Pray - Ask the Lord to bear the fruit of the Spirit in your life.

4.3. Think - Which fruit of the Spirit do you most struggle to display in your life? Ask the Lord to help you and cause his Spirit to manifest that characteristic in your life.

4.4. Act - Who do you struggle to love? In a cool calculated act of the will, do something loving for that person this week and ask the Lord to bring you happiness as you seek the happiness of that person.

4.5. Give Thanks - When you see the Lord bearing the fruit of the Spirit in your life, give thanks to Him.

5. Resources (from last week)

5.1. <http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/discerning-idolatry-in-desire>