

GROWING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

(Galatians 5:22-24)

Central Idea: *The fruit of the Spirit results not from behavior modification, but from a Spirit-fueled change of desires.*

I. Galatians 5:22-24.

A. The fruit of the Spirit begins with identity.

1. Galatians 2:20; 3:14; 4:4-7; Romans 6:3-7, John 3:6

II. How do we walk by the Spirit?

A. Hebrews 10:15-17

III. Truth fills the gap between the Spirit and the flesh.

Questions for Group or Personal Study

1. God isn't just calling us to obedience, he's also calling us to have the right *motives* for obedience. Read Matthew 23:27-28. Why do the motives for our obedience matter?
2. As Christians, how is it possible to obey God while having entirely wrong motives (like legalism)?
3. Pastor Seth made the statement that the Fruit of the Spirit begins with identity. Read Romans 6:3-7; Galatians 2:20, 3:14, 4:4-7; John 3:6. What is your identity in Christ?
4. How does knowing your identity in Christ change your motives/reasons for obeying God?
5. The Holy Spirit doesn't bring about mere behavior modification, but rather a genuine change of desires. Discuss this statement. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
6. How does filling our minds with the truth contained in God's Word cause us to walk by the Spirit and not gratify the desires of the flesh?

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