

Series: Kingdom Come

Sermon Title: Living A Fruitful Life

Passage: Galatians 5:16-25

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Main Point: The more you plant yourself in the presence of God the more the Spirit of God will cultivate the fruit of a godly life.

Who you are is shaped by who you are around.

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Galatians 5:16–18 (CSB)

¹⁶I say, then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh.

¹⁷For the flesh desires what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit desires what is against the flesh; these are opposed to each other, so that you don't do what you want.

¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

What Does It Look Like To Be Led By The Desires of The flesh?

Galatians 5:19–21 (CSB)

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity,

²⁰idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions,

²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar. I am warning you about these things—as I warned you before—that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

What Does It Look Like To Be Led By The Spirit of God?

Galatians 5:22–24 (CSB)

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

²³gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things.

A **love** that only comes from Jesus.

A **joy** that flows from the understanding that Jesus is victorious over sin and death.

A **peace** that is present during chaos and turmoil.

A **patience** to endure hardships and difficult people in order to point people to Jesus.

A **kindness** that sees all people the way that Jesus sees them - in need of a Savior.

A **goodness** that serves generously, practically, and without favoritism for the sake of the Gospel.

A **faithfulness** that causes people to trust us when our “yes” is “yes” and our “no” is “no.”

A **gentleness** to care for and empathize with people as we walk the extra mile with them.

A **self-control** that binds our wandering hearts to the heart of Jesus.

I will argue that these attributes aren't qualities that can be cultivated on your own but they are mannerisms you develop as you are led by the Spirit of God. The fruit of the Spirit is evident in a life that is rooted in the presence of God. Fruit cannot be produced, processed, or manufactured. Fruit is nurtured, cultivated, and grown.

Just like mannerisms are habitual ways of speaking or behaving that are learned from your family, the Fruit of the Spirit is developed in your life as you spend time with God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Where you plant your mind determines the fruitfulness of your life.

Where you plant your heart determines the fruitfulness of your life.

Where you plant your soul determines the fruitfulness of your life.

A Jesus-centered life isn't cultivated by a self-centeredness.

Galatians 5:24–25 (CSB)

²⁴Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Challenge This Week:

- **Scripture before Screens:** Begin each day with God with 5 extra minutes of prayer and not screen time until you have prayed and read.

- **Sabbath this week:** Chance to stop “doing” and start “becoming” who God wants you to be.