

■ The Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:16-6:10

Key Thought: Test your actions. Practice the good. Reject the bad. Enjoy the benefits of Godly characteristics in your life.

Welcome/Prayer:

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Review:

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Intro:

1. ■ Do you have a favorite fruit? ■ Basket of Fruit
2. Eating a big juicy peach on lunchtime walk
3. Working at an orchard as a 13 and 14 year old
 - a. Pruning
 - b. waiting/seasons
 - c. eating/enjoying
4. ■ Finish This Verse: (other Bible verses about fruit)
 - a. Luke 3:8-9 "Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. "Indeed the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."
 - b. Matthew 7:15 ... "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. "You will know them by their fruits.
 - c. John 15:16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, ...
 - d. Psalm 1:3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.
5. Why care?
 - a. John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.
 - b. Galatians 6:8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. We're gonna reap something. Our lives are investing, storing up for some result, good or bad.

Scripture:

1. Read Galatians 5:16-18
 - a. ? So how exactly do I live by the Spirit? These verses give us some clues later.
 - b. Conflict/War: Recognize it. Acknowledge it.
2. Read Galatians 5:19-23
 - a. Acts/Deeds of Sinful Nature vs. Fruit of the Spirit
 - b. Also Read Galatians 5:19-21 Living Bible (TLB) 19 But when you follow your own wrong inclinations, your lives will produce these evil results: impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, 20 idolatry, spiritism (that is, encouraging the activity of demons), hatred and fighting, jealousy and anger, constant effort to get the best for yourself, complaints and criticisms, the feeling that everyone else is wrong except those in your own little group—and there will be wrong doctrine, 21 envy, murder, drunkenness, wild parties, and all that sort of thing. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.
3. Read Galatians 5:24-26
 - a. Crucified: purposeful, planned, complete, known/public

- b. Keep in step: Marching Band, much practice
- 4. Read Galatians 6:1-6
 - a. Restoration: Salvation is by grace, Sanctification being made holy, becoming more like Jesus has to do with how we live
 - b. Test yourself and don't be deceived. Deeds of Sinful Nature vs. Fruit of the Spirit
 - i. Use this Answer Key and Grade Yourself (Galatians 5:19-23)
- 5. Read Galatians 6:7-10
 - a. Sowing and Reaping, Planting and Harvesting
 - b. Our time, actions, thoughts, our leisure ... it's planting the one or the other.
 - c. Test your actions honestly (don't deceive yourself). Practice (keep in step) the good. Reject (crucify) the bad. Enjoy the benefits of Godly characteristics in your life.
- 6. Enjoy good fruit
 - a. Galatians 5:22-23 English Standard Version (ESV) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.
 - b. Remain in Jesus and Enjoy the blessings of the fruit of the Spirit, Godly characteristics in your life. Test your actions. Practice the good. Reject the bad. Enjoy the benefits of "fruit" Godly characteristics in your life, and harvest eternal life.

Example/Personal or Others:

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Challenge:

1. Test your actions. Practice the good. Reject the bad. Enjoy the benefits of Godly characteristics in your life.

Prayer:

Highlight the challenges

Benediction: