

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

“Christian liberty is freedom from sin, not liberty to sin.”

The Manifestation and Struggle with the Flesh

Galatians 5:16

A Life Controlled by the Flesh

Galatians 5:17 - 21

Paul describes 4 categories when Walking in the Flesh:

1. Sexual: Sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures. v. 19
2. Religious: Idolatry, sorcery. v. 20
3. Personal relationships: Hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division and envy. v. 20
4. Alcoholic consumption: drunkenness, wild parties, and others sins like these. v. 21

A Life Controlled by the Spirit (THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT)

Galatians 5:22 - 26

Paul describes three categories when Walking in the Spirit:

- Inward: Love, joy, peace
- Outward: patience, kindness, goodness
- Godward: Faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS ABOUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.

- ❖ These are the “Fruit” of the spirit, not the “Fruits” of the Spirit.
John 13:35; Matthew 22:37- 40
- ❖ What does it take to exhibit this type of fruit (love).
 - It has to be intentional.
 - You can’t do it on your own power or strength.
 - There are four degrees of fruit production. John 15:1, 2, 5, 8
- ❖ If you do not exhibit the fruit of the Spirit then your life is not controlled by the Holy Spirit. I Corinthians 13:1 – 3
- ❖ Fruit is still fruit even when it’s little baby fruit.
- ❖ Love is the basis by which God accepts us, works with us, and seeks to provoke us to be and live.
John 3:16; Romans 13:8, 10; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8

Agape means that no matter what a man may do to us by way of insult or injury or humiliation we will never seek anything else but his highest good.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7; John 1:17; Ephesians 4:15