



Series: Life in the Favor of Jesus
Passage Galatians 5:14-26
Title Attributes of a Spirit Led Life
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Discussion Starter: Paul describes the fruit of a Spirit led life with one word “LOVE”. Oh how great God’s love is for His people! Since hearing the message on Sunday what insights has God given you about His love being the fruit of our lives when we abide in Him?

The gross contrast of the Works of the Flesh & the Fruit of the Spirit: (Galatians 5:14-18)

- Contrast the **Works of the flesh** (v19–21) with the **Fruit of the Spirit** (v22–23). What insights about life do you glean from this contrasting list? What attribute is the ugliest to you? What attribute is the most attractive? Explain why.
- Summarize in your own words how Paul is both encouraging and warning us in practical ways to overcome the trap of walking in our flesh and to walk in the Spirit?

Attributes of a Flesh Led Life: (Galatians 5:19-21)

- As Christians in our earthly bodies we will always struggle with the sinful works of the flesh (5:17 tells us that). Yet even when we fall we are covered by the grace of Jesus Christ! But 5:21 tells us that those who **“PRACTICE such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”** What is the difference between “struggling in sin” and “practicing sin”?
- In light of the above question consider how gracious Jesus is to us in our struggle against sin! How is Jesus’ abounding grace impacting your heart and your daily life?

Attributes of a Spirit Led Life: (Galatians 5:22-26; 1 John 4:8)

- The Spirit led life is **Not Complex**. Paul describes the Spirit led life in one word (**AGAPE**) **LOVE**. Explain in your own word what this agape love looks like and how does it differ from what the world calls love.
- Walking in the Spirit is somewhat a nebulous term that is hard to measure. Here we learn that love is the fruit the Holy Spirit wants to produce in our life. Specifically, a love for God, and a love that loves your neighbor as yourself (Mat 12:29–31). In light of this key truth – how can we now know we are walking in the Spirit?
- Which of the eight expressions of love in Galatians 5:22-23 have you seen the fruit of God growing you in and which ones do you think are still in the blossoming stage?
- We cannot produce fruit on our own. Fruit comes from abiding in Jesus. Pastor Dave quickly gave us four helpful ways to abide in Jesus. In your own words describe the meaning of these four statements and how they enable you to grow spiritual fruit?

- 1) Have gratitude for Jesus Christ.
- 2) Study your bible to “see Jesus”.
- 3) Pray to “live Jesus”.
- 4) Serve others to “be like Jesus”.