

Live by the Spirit

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Galatians 5:16-26

<i>The acts of the flesh are obvious: (v. 19-21)</i>	<i>But the fruit of the Spirit is (v. 22-24)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;</i>• <i>idolatry and witchcraft;</i>• <i>hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy;</i>• <i>drunkenness, orgies, and the like.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>love,</i>• <i>joy,</i>• <i>peace,</i>• <i>forbearance,</i>• <i>kindness,</i>• <i>goodness,</i>• <i>faithfulness,</i>• <i>gentleness and</i>• <i>self-control.</i>
<i>I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.</i>	<i>Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.</i>

1. The big idea that runs throughout the book of Galatians

- a. God's is unconditional.
- b. is a free gift

2. The tension



3. A third way: L_____

Galatians 5:14 **For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."** (Also see: Galatians 2:20, 5:6, 13, 22)

4. The is the Holy Spirit.

- a. He enables us to fulfil the law of love.
- b. A love for God cultivates a welcoming environment for the Spirit to produce fruit in the believer.
 - i. Bible literacy and understanding
 - ii. Prayerful heart
 - iii. Regular worship
 - iv. Nurturing relationships with other believers
 - v. Repentant attitude toward sin

Summary: The fruit of the Spirit are in stark contrast to the acts of the flesh. This night and day difference demonstrate the change God makes in believers lives. The fruit are an evidence of God to the world.

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. How have “law” and “liberty” helped bring you to know Jesus as Saviour? Are “law” and “liberty” transforming into “love”?

2. How are the Fruit of the Spirit growing in your life?

3. Ask another believer answer question 1 for you.
 - a. Point out which fruit seem to be especially present.

 - b. Are there fruit that need to ripen more in your life?

4. What are some things that would help the Fruit of the Spirit mature in your life?