

Galatians (Good Fruit)

Yielding to the Fruit

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Galatians 5:22-25

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. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-18

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

- Yield – To produce and to surrender.
Cf. **Romans 6:13** *Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.*
- Yielding creates an environment for growth. What you yield to will determine what is produced. Cf. **Galatians 6:7-8**
7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.
- The only control we have in producing the fruit of the Spirit is how much we surrender to the Spirit.

Galatians 3:1-9

1 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. 2 Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? 4 Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? 5 Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith— 6 just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

7 Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. 8 And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” 9 So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

- I can't grow the fruit, but I can hinder it through my lack of faith.
Cf. **1 Corinthians 3:4-9**
4 For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? 5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and

each will receive his wages according to his labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

Discipleship Homework:

Use the questions and statements below to help you apply the teaching into your life.

- Read through Matthew 13. Which type of soil best represents your heart?
- Why do you think the people in Jesus' hometown struggled to accept Him as the Messiah?
- What would it look like for you to yield to the Spirit? Do you believe God is capable of transforming your life?
- Have questions about the message or need help with the homework? Please email Pastor Jarrod at jarrod@1116.church.