

FRUIT

A LOOK AT GALATIANS 5



Many things promise to make life better, easier or more meaningful. The truth is, most do not deliver and many of those promises are actually quite silly when you think about them.

But what if there were behaviors, habits and practices that actually made life better? What if something could be developed in you and through you that made sense for your life and the lives of those around you? What if there was a type of fruit in your life that you were proud of? Fruit that lasted.

At Grace, we believe that type of fruit is produced by God and not by our own efforts. This fruit shapes not only our actions and choices, but also our attitudes and character.

In the sermon series “Fruit,” we will look at Galatians 5 and discuss the difference between good and bad fruit. We’ll examine things that are worth pursuing – not the low-hanging, easy or popular stuff, but the stuff God has called His people to.

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NAVIGATE THE BIBLE

Learning to use God's Word

Look up the Bible passage below. Is it in the New or Old Testament? Who is the audience? Discuss why this passage is being taught.

- Galatians 5:1-26



ARTICULATE YOUR FAITH

Intentional times to talk about God's Word

1. Why does Paul warn the Galatians against being burdened again by a yoke of slavery in Gal. 5:1? How do we let our desires and wants ensnare us?
2. Paul says, "But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." (Gal. 5:2) How does this look in your life? How would you like it to look? How does it reflect your faith?
3. Read Gal. 5:22-23. Where does spiritual fruit come from? Which aspects come easy to you? How can you grow in areas where you are lacking spiritual fruit?
4. How are your life and relationships harmed when you gratify the fruit of the flesh (Gal. 5:16-18)? How are they improved when you live by the fruit of the Spirit?



PERSONALIZE SCRIPTURE

Spontaneous times to relate your everyday life to God's Word

Every time you see a plant, fruit or vegetable this week, talk about how a fruit demonstrates the true nature of the plant. What fruit are you producing in your life? What does your fruit say about who are?



WORSHIP WITH YOUR LIFE

Show what God has done in your life to others

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control... pick one each day and focus on that fruit. Pray about it and practice carrying it out throughout the day.



DIALOGUE WITH GOD

Prompts to pray with your family

Dear Lord, thank You for the Holy Spirit. Please open my heart to the Spirit's urgings to help me produce His fruit. Amen.