



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 02/02/2020
DISCUSSION DATE: 02/09/2020
TEXT: GALATIANS 5:24-26

I. THE FRUIT OF A DISCIPLE IS DETERMINED BY THE SUBMISSION OF OUR HEART (PART FIVE).

A. Living In Submission To The Spirit Produces VIRTUOUS FRUIT, v.v. 22-23.

- 1. Virtues that enable us to live above our circumstances.**
Love – Joy - Peace
- 2. Virtues that enable us to be LIGHT in a DARK world.**
Longsuffering – Kindness – Goodness
- 3. Virtues that enable us to be conduits of God's grace to others.**
Faithfulness – Gentleness – Self-Control

B. Living In Submission To The Spirit Derails The Desires Of Our Flesh, v.v. 24-26.

- 1. Believers can live in submission to the Spirit because our flesh has been crucified, v. 24.**
- 2. Believers can live in submission to the Spirit because we are spiritually alive, v. 25.**
- 3. Believers living in submission to the Spirit avoid sinful conflicts, v. 26.**

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?
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1. **Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; 1:6-7.** What caused Paul to give thanks for the believers in Thessalonica? How can we emulate this practice in our own prayer lives? How did the believers in Thessalonica become examples to other believers? How do we know who a person is following?
2. **Read Galatians 1:3-5; 5:24.** Why can believers be described by the phrase: “are Christ’s?” What does Paul want us to remember about Jesus (1:3-5)? Why is it important for us to preach these truths to ourselves?
3. **Read Galatians 5:24; Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5.** When and how was our flesh crucified? What kind of passions/desires does the flesh produce in our lives? Is the battle against fleshy desires over? How do we continue putting to death the deed which comes from our fleshly desires? What hope do we have in this battle?
4. **Read Galatians 5:25.** Who has been made alive by the Spirit? What evidence(s) of the Spirit’s presence will be growingly evident in the life of God’s children? How do we “keep in step” with the Spirit? How can we help one another in the local church to live in submission to the Spirit?
5. **Read Romans 8:6-9.** What does a life dominated by the flesh reveal about that person? Why is it impossible for a person living in the flesh to please God? Why do we know that believers will win this battle and see spiritual fruit?
6. **Read Galatians 5:14-15.** How is the law fulfilled through loving our neighbors as ourselves? What was happening in the churches in Galatia that was demonstrating a lack of love? How do believers bite and devour one another?
7. **Read Galatians 5:26.** How and why is becoming conceited connected to not walking the Spirit? What do you think about when you think of a conceited person (common characteristics/behaviors)? How do we guard our hearts from conceit? What kind of behavior flows out of conceit? Why do works-oriented views of sanctification naturally lead to conceit? Why is envy a problem in the local church?