

Lesson #10 Fruit of the Spirit

Opening Shot:

As believers in Christ, we have the Spirit of Life living in us. The question is “Can we see it making a difference in our lives?” Or... maybe more importantly... “Can others?” What evidence is there of the Holy Spirit working in our lives? We still have our “sinful nature,” and, although we are no longer slaves to it, we still struggle with it. What acts of the sinful nature should we be aware of and guard against? How are we to live?

Introduction to Bible Truths: (OPTIONAL)

Romans 8:9 *You ...are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.*

Ask Me No Questions/ I'll Tell You No Lies:

- 1.) Even as a Christian, I find that there always seems to be a struggle going on inside of me: Good vs. Evil. Why is that?
- 2.) What types of things are “acts of the sinful nature”? The Top 10 Worst Things...
- 3.) I've heard about the “Fruit of the Spirit.” What type of fruit is that exactly?

We've Got Questions/ God's Got Answers:

Galatians 5:16-17 *... live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.*

Galatians 5:19-21 *The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Galatians 5:22-23 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

Galatians 5:25 *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

Galatians 6:7-8 *Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.*

Hand out the extra sheets included with today's lesson.
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Parting Shot:

As believers in Christ, we live by the Spirit: and the Spirit produces fruit in our lives. This fruit consists of things we can see and that others can see! These things include: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. Some of these things take time to show up in our lives. In the mean time, our sinful nature is in conflict with the Spirit; but we can watch for its acts and turn from them. (*Of course, the sooner, the better!*) Remember that, as Christians, we are no longer slaves to our sinful nature: We can choose what we will do. Let us try and keep step with the Spirit, so that we can have the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives, and so that from the Spirit we will reap eternal life!

From Galatians 5:19-22

Acts of the Sinful Nature

Sexual Immorality

Impurity

Debauchery

Idolatry

Witchcraft

Hatred

Discord

Jealousy

Fits of Rage

Selfish Ambition

Dissensions

Factions

Envy

Drunkenness

Orgies

(And the like...)

Fruit of the Spirit

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-Control

(Against such things there is no law.)

What's in My Heart?

By Sharon Chatwell

Is it lies? Is it deceit? Is it callous disregard or disinterest in the needs of those around me? Is it hate? Is it worry? Is it anger and lechery? Is it conspiracy and divisiveness? Is it self-righteousness and stubborn self-assertiveness? Is it vanity and evil self-protection? Is it greed? Is it amoral? Is it self-pity? Is it flattery? Is it coyness? Is it self-indulgence? Is it false-piety? Is it judgmental? Is it smug? Is it hell-bent for a fight? Is it legalistic?

Is it unworthy of God who gave His Son for me?

If so...

Then it's not Love.

Is it kind? Is it patient? Is it honorable? Is it right? Is it friendly? Is it self-revealing? Is it self-involving? Is it self-sacrificing? Is it honest? Is it truthful? Is it real? Is it generous? Is it modest? Is it helpful? Is it faithful? Is it inclusive? Is it forbearing? Is it forgiving? Is it long-suffering? Is it moral? Is it ethical? Is it good? Is it pure? Is it disinterested in self? Is it healing? Is it righteous? Is it true? Is it courageous? Is it gracious? Is it holy?

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Then it's Love.

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