

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1257: Do I Walk in the Spirit or the Lusts of My Human Nature? (Part IV)

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All questions are based on the fruit of the spirit list of Galatians 5:16-23

1. What is the foundation for all the fruit of the spirit? Describe the type of love that God and Jesus have for us. Why is it important we also develop this love? (See John 15:12)
2. How is true joy different from the fleeting joy of emotion? What causes us to develop the type of joy that steadied Jesus during his terrible trials? How did Jesus comfort his disciples on the eve of his crucifixion? What brings you true joy? (See John 15:11, 14:27)
3. What does the internal contentment of joy bring us? What does it do for us? Can you draw the connection between love, joy and peace? Where are you content and discontent in your life? (See Philippians 4:7, John 14:27)
4. Explain the definitions of patience, longsuffering and forbearance. Why do we want to develop forbearance? (See Matthew 18:26, Romans 2:1-4)
5. Consider these further examples of patience or self-restraint: a. How did the prophets show patience or forbearance? Why did they need it? (See Hebrews 6:10-12) b. Why is it necessary for the pastors of the Christian flock to develop patience? (2 Timothy 4:1-2) c. To whom should we be careful to have patience? (See James 5:7-9) d. How does Job embody the other meaning of patience - “endurance”? Is this also an important trait for us to develop as Christians? Why? (See James 5:10-11)
6. How do the words “usefulness, moral goodness, moral excellence and integrity” deepen the meaning of simple kindness? How do we produce kindness or moral integrity within ourselves? Who must we emulate? What practices will help with this? (See Romans 3:9-12, 23, Titus 3:1-2) What do we need within ourselves in order to develop kindness? How does God change our unrighteousness and immorality? Why does He do this? How long will God “show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus”? (See Titus 3:3-7, Ephesians 2:5-7)
7. Which three things help our development of moral excellence and integrity? Why are these important if we are Christians? How did Paul conquer the hardships he encountered? (2 Corinthians 6:3-10)
8. Integrity in our lives provokes what in ourselves and even in those around us? Define virtue and beneficence. In what ways is “good” associated with God? What does this mean for us? (See Romans 8:28, Galatians 6:9-10)
9. How does goodness connect with joy and peace? How do we fulfill the good pleasure of God? (See Romans 15:13-14, 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12, Philippians 2:12-13, Luke 12:32)
10. What is the good pleasure of our goodness? What are the admonitions of Ephesians 5:8-13? What does “doing good” bring to the Christian? Explain. (See Romans 2:6-7)
11. How does God’s character shine through your life? What can you work on within yourself to better reflect God?