

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1256: Do I Walk in the Spirit or the Lusts of My Human Nature? (Part III)

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All questions are based on the fruit of the spirit list of Galatians 5:22-23:

1. What was Paul's point in contrasting the awful deeds of the flesh with the fruit of the spirit? Are you actively walking away from the deeds of the flesh? Do others know what you stand for? (See Galatians 5:25)
2. Explain two of the basic fundamentals Jesus gave us for walking in the spirit. What are his "fruity lessons" from Matthew 7:15-20? How do we become fruit of the spirit? Describe how we abide as branches in Jesus' vine. Is your fruit nourishing and refreshing to others? (See Matthew 5:3, Luke 9:23, John 15:1-5)
3. Give a brief description of the range of meaning in the words describing love in Greek. How does *agape* describe God's love? How did God love us first? How does Jesus love us? What does he demand of us? (See John 3:16-17, 15:12-14, Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:27)
4. The following questions are about 1 Corinthians 13:1-3:
 - a. How does 1 Corinthians 13:1 tell us to speak? What is required of a mature Christian? Why is this hard? What does "speaking the truth in love" mean? (See Ephesians 4:13-16)
 - b. What does 1 Corinthians 13:2 tell us about knowledge? What does love do that knowledge does not? Is knowledge of God's word unnecessary? (See 1 Corinthians 8:1-3)
 - c. What does 1 Corinthians 13:3 tell us about how to act? What needs to drive our actions - even charitable ones? What does it matter why we do righteous acts? Give some examples of loving acts. (See Matthew 6:1-2)
5. What is the difference between a fleeting joy - like the joy felt at a wedding - and the joy that develops as a fruit of the spirit? How is fleeting joy like a seed that falls and sprouts in "rocky places"? How does God's spirit produce joy in us? Describe the progression of joy that began at the birth of Jesus. (See Mark 4:16-17, Luke 2:7-14)
6. If we are sad, do we lack the fruit of the spirit called joy? Was Jesus always happy in his earthly life? Was he always joyful? How can we maintain joy in our hearts? What examples of faith do we have in the Bible that help with this? Why do they help? (See Matthew 26:38, Hebrews 12:2)
7. In what way can others in the faith give us joy? How can things be "all good" even when they do not appear to be? What is the difference between this state of mind and "toxic positivity"? How can we look at hard experiences with joy? (See 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20, John 15:10-11, 17:13-14, James 1:2-4)
8. What must we believe in order to trust God to give us peace in the midst of tumult? How did Jesus comfort his disciples on the eve of his crucifixion? Read Philippians 4:4-7. What does this mean to you? (See Romans 8:15, Luke 2:13-14, John 14:25-27, Colossians 3:14-17)
9. What gives us peace with God? Do joy and peace stop our trials? Explain. How do the fruits joy and peace help you in your life? (See Romans 5:1-5, James 1:2-4)