

Walking by & Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23 ESV)

1. Walking by the Spirit

- a daily life directed & empowered by the Spirit

- we will not gratify the [sinful] desires of the *flesh (*sinful nature)

- we are not under the [Mosaic] law

2. Recognizing the works of the flesh

- Some examples

sexual immorality: all sexual sins

impurity: sexual misbehavior

sensuality: unrestrained lust, wild living

idolatry: worship of false gods

sorcery: poisoning, magical practices, idolatrous deception

enmity: hatred, hostilities

strife: quarreling, discord

jealousy: zealously envious

fits of anger: outburst, boiling up

rivalries: self-ambitious infighting

dissensions: quarreling

divisions: factions (organized party)

envy: jealousy envious

drunkenness: drinking bouts

orgies: carousing, wild parties/feast

- Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God

3. Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit

- Some examples

love: benevolent affection/good will

joy: gladness/delighting in the Lord

peace: wellness/freedom from strife

patience: forbearance, long-suffering

kindness: generosity/goodness extended to others

goodness: uprightness (heart/life)

faithfulness: reliable/steadfast char.

gentleness: meekness/humble spirit

self-control: disciplined, mastery over sensual desires

- Those who belong to Jesus Christ have crucified the [sinful] flesh...