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Galatians 5:22-25

Galatians; A Letter for Prodigals

“The Fruit of the Spirit”

INTRODUCTION

1. **THE FRUIT**

2. **THE METAPHOR**

3. **THE MARCH**

Questions for personal meditation and study

1. Compare the “acts of the sinful nature” (5:19-21) with the “fruit of the Spirit” (5:22-23). Do you see any correlation between the negatives and the positives? Like, “kindness” vs “fits of rage.” Or “goodness” vs “hatred?” What might this tell us?
2. It’s an either / or and not a sometimes both and, some negative and some positive. So, can we tolerate the “acts of the flesh” to any degree? Why? Why not?
3. According to verses 5:24 and 25, what can we do to foster the growth of spiritual fruit while discouraging the growth of the acts of the flesh?
4. Pastor suggested that our spiritual growth will be inevitable, gradual, symmetrical, and grow according to the nature of the root. Discuss what was meant. What does this tell us that we can expect from our own spiritual growth and what are the implications?
5. Is it possible to have some of the characteristics of spiritual fruit but not have the Holy Spirit? Why? Why not? Give examples.
6. Explain how a sailboat is like walking in the Spirit.
7. What does the metaphor of “marching” tell us about our life with the Spirit?
8. Puritan John Owen taught that a person cannot NOT sin until they have the Spirit. What did he mean? Do you agree? See Isaiah 64:6.