

The Fruit of the Spirit Pt. III
Galatians 5:22-26
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- Fruit #1 – Love (ah-GAH-pay)**
- Fruit #2 – Joy (cah-RAH)**
- Fruit #3 – Peace (Ay-RAY-nay)**
- Fruit #4 – Patience (mak-roth-oo-MEE-ah)**

_____... the continual process of becoming more like Jesus Christ; increasing in holiness as the things of God replace the rebellious habits of man.

Sanctification can be broken down into two simultaneous processes:

1. _____ the Flesh

Galatians 5:24 – *And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

2. Keep in _____ with the Holy Spirit

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

*This is likely an allusion to military life...

Fruit #5 – Kindness (khray-STOT-ays)

DEFINITION: ‘well fit for _____, suitable for God’s purposes’

‘A constant readiness to _____, the extension of God’s grace to the people around us through practical actions of caring.’ – Philip Ryken

How can I exercise true kindness to others?

- Pay _____ to the needs of others
- When you notice someone in need, _____
- Temper your _____ of others
- _____ or defer a blessing to someone who needs it more than you do

Consider the _____ power of kindness (Romans 2:4)

*To be kind does not mean to go to any lengths to avoid offending people... Romans 2:4 teaches that kindness leads us to _____, so God’s kindness is also confrontational. See also Romans 11:22

Fruit #6 – Goodness (ag-ath-oh-SOO'-nay)

Remember **Mark 10:17-18** – we need to desire this fruit with a heavy helping of _____

This is more than just being the best you can be. We have come to see a greater goodness than our own, the greatest goodness. And it is to that goodness that we should aspire.

*Since we are aiming for a goodness that is greater than our own, to bear the fruit of goodness it helps to have godly _____.

Romans 15:14 – *I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.*

Fruit #7 – Faithfulness (PIS-tis)

This is the exact word used in other places of the New Testament for *faith*, but here it is best rendered ‘_____’.

As I trust God and His Word, I will start to live in such a way that I am easier to trust.

*Faithfulness was one of the three specific fruit that Jesus pointed out was lacking in so many of the Pharisees of His day – Matthew 23:23-24

Self-examination: What actions or attitudes are present in you that are making it difficult to walk as a faithful follower of Jesus? Will you turn your attention back to your Savior and walk again in step with the Holy Spirit?