

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

What is "the fruit of the Spirit"? That's what we'll explore this month. As a launching-point for our study,

let's stay in Galatians and see what we can discover about how the fruit of the Spirit is borne in ordinary lives.



Galatians 5:16 - "But I say, **by** the

Spirit..."



- Galatians 5:18 "But if you are \_\_\_\_\_\_by the Spirit..."
- Galatians 5:25 "If we \_\_\_\_\_\_by the Spirit, let us also **keep \_\_\_\_\_ with** the Spirit."
- Galatians 6:8 "...the one who \_\_\_\_\_to the Spirit will from the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_\_ eternal life. "

The Bible uses a simple idea to teach us such an important lesson: "whatever one sows, that will he also reap" (Gal 6:7).

## For Class & Family Discussion:

- Let's open our Bibles to Galatians 5:16-17. How does walking "by the Spirit" keep us from gratifying "the desires of the flesh"?
- In what way are these "opposed to each other"?
- What does Galatians 5:23 mean when it tells us that "against such things" as the fruit of the Spirit "there is no law"?
- Galatians 6:7 issues a very straightforward warning: "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked." What does this warning mean, and how does it relate to the fruit of the Spirit?
- Let's open our Bibles together to John 15:1-8. How do these words of Jesus deepen our understanding of the "fruit" our Father in heaven is looking for in our lives?
- Did you notice in Galatians 5:22-23 that these aren't described as the "fruits" of the Spirit, but the "fruit"? Is there anything we can learn from that?