

## The Fruit of the Spirit

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Galatians 5:16-25

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### The Fruit of the Spirit:

- **Love (agape)** - *'love is wanting the absolute best for the object of your love regardless of the cost to you'*.  
*Love's opposite = fear* : 1 Jn 4:18. Love is by choice: 1 Jn 3:16  
God's love demonstrated in Jesus: Rm 5:8 while we were sinners!
- **Joy** - delight in God for the sheer beauty and worth of who God is  
Counterfeit: experience based upon blessings rather than the Blessor
- **Peace** - confidence & rest in God rather than own ability to control  
Counterfeit: apathy - not caring about what happens
- **Patience** - ability to face hardship w/o frustration  
Opposite: resentment. Counterfeit: cynicism
- **Kindness** - ability to serve others w/o regard to what you get in return
- **Goodness** - intrinsically good, generosity  
Counterfeit: being good for what you get out of it.
- **Faithfulness**: to be reliable and true to God's Word  
Counterfeit: to be loving but not truthful, not willing to confront
- **Gentleness**: attitude of humility or self-forgetfulness.
- **Self-control**: temperance, ability to maintain God's agenda rather than be controlled by life resulting in impulsiveness

### Characteristics of Growth in the Fruit of the Spirit:

1. Christian growth is **Gradual**.
2. Growth for believer is **Inevitable**. Phil 1:6; Rom 10:17; Eph 2:8
3. Fruit of the Spirit comes from **Internal Roots**. Can't woop it up. Think apple tree: the apples don't give the tree life, rather they are a sign that there is life! Gal 5:24; 1 Cor 13:1-3

4. Christian growth is **Symmetrical**.

"The graces of Christianity are all connected together, and mutually dependent on each other" Jonathon Edwards

### Remember the GOSPEL!

- We are called to examine ourself: Rm 7:24; 1 Cor 11:28; 10:12; Psa 139:23-24
- Remember work of Christ, our union with Christ! Gal 3:2-3; 4:4
- Sin's power over us was broken Rom 6:1-6
- Remember it is all by faith in Christ: justification & sanctification! Gal 3:3
- Faith in Christ: Remain in the True Vine by faith: John 15:1-5

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