



 **NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER**  
May 25, 2025

**LIVING THE FRUIT**  
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*"When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God." Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT)*

*"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23a (NLT)*

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

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*"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)*

### 2. I choose to cultivate \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love." Galatians 5:13 (NLT)*

*"Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples." John 13:35 (NLT)*

### 3. I choose to cultivate a \_\_\_\_\_.

*"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones." Luke 16:10a (NLT)*

*"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." Philippians 4:6 (NLT)*



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
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## CONNECT

Have you ever come to a fork in the road and even though one direction didn't look good, or safe, and was even a little dark and scary... you took it anyway? If so, what were the results? This is how Paul describes living a life of following our sinful desires verses a life of following the Holy Spirit.

## ENGAGE

What is something that stuck out to you from the weekend's message about cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives by growing in our relationship with Jesus.

## GROW

- What does it mean to you personally to live in the freedom of Christ rather than being bound by rules and religion?
  - Follow-up: How have you experienced this freedom in your life?
- Paul contrasts the "old self" and the "new self" in Galatians 5. What are some specific examples in your life where you've seen this transformation?
- Why do you think Paul emphasizes that "anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God"? What's the difference between occasional failure and a lifestyle choice?
- The Fruit of the Spirit includes traits like love, joy, peace, and self-control. Which one do you find the hardest to cultivate, and why?
- "you grow what you cultivate." What are you currently cultivating in your spiritual life — and what needs more attention?
- How do love, joy, peace, and self-control help us reflect Jesus in a world full of chaos, conflict, and impulsivity?
- What practical steps can we take to "walk in step with the Spirit" and build spiritual habits that last beyond emotional highs?

## CHALLENGE

If you had to focus on cultivating just one trait of the Fruit of the Spirit this week, which would it be and how will you intentionally do that? Here are three things you can begin doing this week:

1. I choose to begin each day with scripture and surrender.
2. I choose to respond, and not to react.
3. I choose to engage in small acts of faithfulness.