

Galatians

Part 11: 8.16.09: Fruit

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[THE SET UP]

Read Galatians 5.16-26

What are your initial impressions about what Paul's saying here?

What is fruit in the context that Paul's writing and how is it produced?

[A CLOSER LOOK]

Paul has talked about "the flesh" throughout this whole letter. When he uses this phrase he's talking about anything done on our own power. What are some ways that people try to find life/success/hope/love/forgiveness/religion "in the flesh?"

Read Galatians 5.19-21

What does Paul say the fruits of the flesh are?

How could pursuing the things above in the flesh result in this kind of fruit?

Have you ever seen this kind of fruit produced in someone's life? Why do you think this happens?

Read Galatians 5.22-24

What does Paul say the fruit of the Spirit is?

What does it mean to walk by the Spirit? How does walking by the Spirit impact the pursuit of life/success/hope/love/forgiveness/religion? What difference does walking by the Spirit make?

How is the fruit of the Spirit produced in our lives?

[GETTING PERSONAL]

Which path do you choose more often? Do you choose the path of slavery or freedom?

How does it impact your life?

Are you focused backwards or forwards?

Are you focused inward or outward?

Is your focus isolated or communal?

[GETTING PERSONAL]

Read Galatians 5.19-21 and Galatians 5.22-23
Which list best describes your life?

Why is that kind of fruit being produced in you?

[NEXT STEPS]

What are you pursuing?

Are you pursuing it by your own power or by the power of the Spirit?

Look at the list and let God show you where you need to let the Spirit take over and let him.