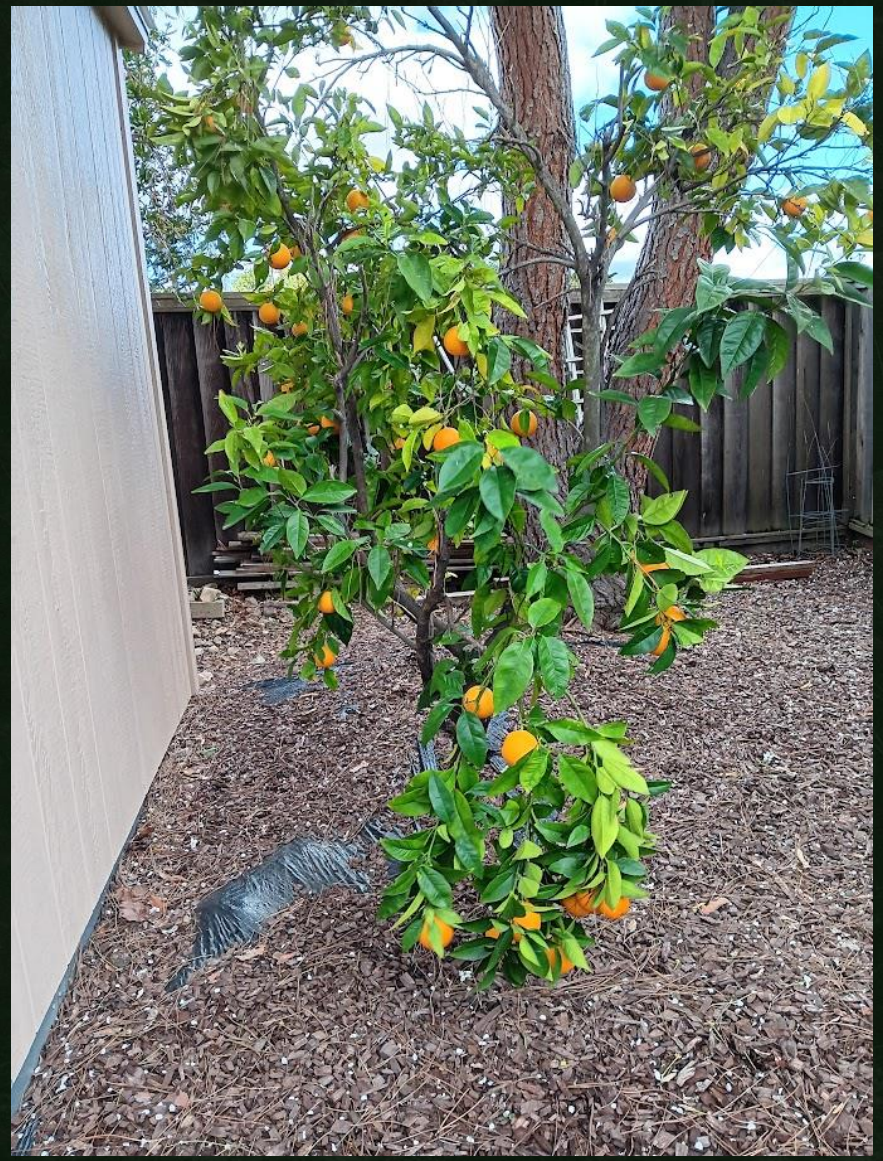

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The Fruit of the Spirit
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There are various kinds of “fruit” mentioned in the NT:

- The fruit of people saved Rom. 1:13
- The fruit of righteous living Rom. 6:22
- The fruit of contributing to the needs of the saints. Rom.15:26-28
- The fruit of every good work in Christ Col.1:10
- The fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. Heb.13:15
- The fruit of the Spirit Gal. 5:22,23

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Outline of Galatians

I. The True gospel defended (Chapters 1-2)

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B. Walk by the Spirit, not by the flesh (5:16-6:10)

1) The conflict between the spirit and the flesh (5:16-21)

2) The fruit of the Spirit (5:22-26)

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5:22,23a “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control…

* How is fruit produced?

John 15: 4 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

* How do we abide in Christ?

1 John 3:24 “And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.”

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John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.”

* What is the purpose of the branch?

Gal. 5:22,23a “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control”

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1) Love

* Why did Paul mentioned love first?
  1Cor 13: 1-3

The Lord Jesus' example of love: John 15:13, Romans 5:8

Our reflection of His love:
1 John 4:11 "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

* What does that love look like? 1 Cor 13:4-8a

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2) Joy:

Jesus' example of joy: Heb 12:2 "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Our reflection His joy: James 1:2-4 "Consider it all joy, my brethren when you encounter various trials knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance and let endurance have its perfect effect, that you may be perfect and complete lacking in nothing"

3) Peace. The Lord Jesus is the Prince of Peace Isa.9:6

"For He Himself is our peace" Eph. 2:14

His promise of peace: John 14:27

Our reflection of His peace: Phil 4:6,7:

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

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4) Patience: Paul testified of Christ's patience in his life in 1Tim.1:16 "And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life."

Our reflection of His patience:
1 Thessalonians 5:14 "And we urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men."

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5) Kindness: Titus 3:4,5 “But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us not on the basis of deeds we have done in righteousness but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.”

Eph 2:7: “in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

The Lord wants us to reflect His kindness to others:

Eph 4:32 “And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

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6) Goodness: Jesus said I am the Good Shepherd Jn10:14.

Galatians 6:9 & 10: “And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary. So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.”

Ephesians 6:7: “With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men”

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7) Faithfulness: Jesus' example:
Heb.3:2: "He was faithful to Him who appointed Him"

1Thes 5:24: "Faithful is He who calls you and He will also bring it to pass."

2 Thess. 3:3: "But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

Revelation 1:5 Jesus Christ is called "the faithful witness"

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God wants us to reflect His faithfulness in our lives:

Luke 16:10: "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.”

1 Corinthians 4:1,2 “Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” (NKJV)

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As His stewards He wants us to be faithful in all He has entrusted to us:

- Truth

- Time

- Treasure

- Temple

- Talents & Spiritual gifts

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8) Gentleness: Jesus example: Matt. 11:28,29 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.”

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Our reflection of Christ's gentleness:
- 2 Tim. 2:25: "with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth"

- Titus 3:2 "to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men."

- Gal. 6:1: "Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted."

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9) Self-control: The Lord Jesus is the ultimate example of One who exercised self-control throughout His earthly life.

Our reflection of Christ's self- control:

Phil. 2:5-8 "Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

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Prov 25:28 “Like a city that is broken into and without walls is a man who has no control over his spirit.”



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Gal. 2:20 “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.”

Rom. 6:11 “Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

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5:25 “If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.”

5:26 “Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.”

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Some take aways:
- The Lord Jesus exemplified all the qualities of the fruit of the Spirit in His life. The fruit of the Spirit is Christ-likeness. He wants us to reflect those qualities in our lives as well.

- How does that happen? By abiding in Him. John 15:4,5

- God's great goal for every believer is to conform us to the image of His Son.
Rom. 8:29: "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren"

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