

# Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: DISCUSSION DATE: TEXT: 01/12/20 01/19/20 GALATIANS 5:22-26

# I. <u>THE FRUIT OF A DISCIPLE IS DETERMINED BY THE SUBMISSION OF OUR</u> <u>HEART (PART FOUR).</u>

## A. Living In Submission To The Spirit Produces VIRTUOUS FRUIT (v.v. 22-23)

- 1. <u>Virtues that enable us to live above our circumstances</u>.
  - a) Love Christ-like love is sacrificial

b) Joy – Our satisfaction in God's promises/provisions, and our excitement for being part of that which is eternal

c) Peace – Personal wholeness that comes from a right relationship with God

#### 2. <u>Virtues that enable us to be LIGHT in a DARK world</u>.

- a) Longsuffering
- b) Kindness
- c) Goodness

#### 3. <u>Virtues that enable us to be conduits of God's grace to others</u>.

- a) Faithfulness
- b) Gentleness
- c) Self-Control

## B. Living In Submission To The Spirit Derails The Desires Of Our Flesh (v.v. 24-26)!

#### ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

		Head	does God want us to know?	
What do	bes God want us to desire/value?	Heart Heart	What does God want us to do?	
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1. Fill in the Blanks: Word of God and		entering into bly Spirit in order to	relationships that are Christ-like disciples.	by the

2. Read Psalm 25:4-5; 86:11; 119:33; 119:68; 143:10. What can we learn from the prayer of the Psalmist? What commitment does the Psalmist make in connection with his request?

3. Read Galatians 5:16. Describe what it looks like for us to keep the command of this verse. What incentive does God give us keeping this command?

4. Read Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 5:2. How have the virtues of love, joy and peace helped you to live above your circumstances? How does love become the atmosphere of our lives?

5. Read Galatians 5:22-23; Colossians 3:12. How have the virtues of longsuffering, kindness, and goodness helped you to be a light in this dark world? Why is it so difficult for our love to endure? Why do we need to be intentional about putting on kindness? Why do we struggle with kindness and even guestion when others are kind to us?

6. Read Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 4:2; 2 Timothy 2:2. Most believers consider themselves to be faithful. What kind of people did Paul commend as faithful? What does it mean for us to be stewards and how will it be evaluated by the Lord? How is Jesus the noblest example of faithfulness? What do Christ-like disciples share in common when it comes to serving in the church? Why?

7. Read Galatians 5:22-23; Galatians 6:1; Titus 3:1-2. What does gentleness look like? Why has our culture become so characterized by disrespect for authority? How has this affected the church? How is humility connected to gentleness? Why does pride destroy a gentle spirit? Why does gentleness make us teachable and submissive to authorities?

8. Read Galatians 5:22-23. Why is the virtue of self-control essential to living a godly life in this fallen world? How does our culture promote living without self-control? What is more powerful, your emotions or the Spirit of God? Why can and must believers live with self-control?

9. How are all these virtues not about us? How are they for the good of others? In what ways can our lives be conduits of God's grace to others?