

Works of the Flesh / Fruit of the Spirit

Part 48 (self-control 3)

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-26

Scripture Reading:

INTRO:

{I. SELF-CONTROL}

3. The Self-control in the New Man.

Well, we have come to the final point, of the last fruit, of Paul's list here in Galatians chapter 5, in looking at these fruits of the Spirit. And we have come to a fruit that in one sense encompasses all the other fruits we have already looked at, as well as, all the works of the flesh of the first list. A fruit that plays a part in pretty much every single one of the previous fruits of the second list and the works of the flesh of the first list . And what I mean by that is this. In that first message on self-control, we learned that the word translated as self-control is the Greek word *egkrateia eng-krat'-i-ah* Strong's number 1466, and it is defined by the Online Bible Greek Lexicon as;

Self-control (the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, especially his sensual appetites)

And the Expositors Greek Testament says that;

Self-control comprehends every form of temperance, and includes the mastery of all appetites, tempers and passions.

Meaning that, nothing of the natural man or anything of Paul's first list should prevail in the new man when he is living the Christian life for God. That when the bible talks about self-control, it's not just about resisting the chocolate bars in my cupboard, but of every aspect of my Christian life, from the works of the flesh of Paul's first list to the fruits of the Spirit in the second. All of it is to be ruled with self-control. The website got-question.org says;

Self-control is, of course, the ability to control oneself. It involves moderation, constraint, and the ability to say "no" to our base desires and fleshly lusts. One of the proofs of God working in our lives is the ability to control our own thoughts, words, and actions. It's not that we are naturally weak-willed. But *that* our fallen nature is under the influence of sin.

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This is the conflict that Paul talks about in Romans chapter 7 where he says;

For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

And why he says in verse 14 of the same chapter;

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.

It is that battle of the mind between the appetites of the flesh and the desires of the spirit. It is that struggle of where;

the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; ...so that you do not do the things that you wish.

As we learned in the first half of this series, everything in Paul's first list pertains to those base desires and fleshly lusts of man. Everything in the first list, are things that war against the spirit through the flesh. And everything in the first list will lead that person to hell, if left unchecked in the life of the believer or is not brought into subjection with self-control.

However, we have also learned that you need this same discipline of self-control when looking at Paul's second list, when looking at the fruits of the spirit. For if we talk about the love that is to be in the Christian, in pointing others to Christ, to God, and to eternity, to reach out to people with the gospel, it is a duty for the Christian, an action that takes discipline, which is a form of self-control.

And, if we look at the joy we are to have from God, and the peace we are to have from God, tell me, do they come naturally to you? Do they just flow into you like breathing? Now some people may say it does, but for others, it takes discipline, a self-control of the mind that you exercise in order to have it, to keep it and remain in it. Because what did Jesus say in John 15 verse 11? Well he said this;

*"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy **may** remain in you, and that your joy **may** be full.*

Or of his words of John 16 verse 33:

*"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you **may** have peace.*

Now why does Jesus use the words ‘may’ in these verses? Because it still takes discipline, it still takes faith, it still takes a certain amount of self-control to accept and keep these when they come from the hand of God.

Because God doesn't just take a rubber stamp and whacks you on the forehead with it and says ‘there, now you have all the joy and all the peace all the time no matter what happens in your life’. No, It doesn't work that way... at least not in my life.

I have seen Christian’s struggle with their joy, I have seen older Christian’s wrestle with their peace, because the battle that is in the mind between the flesh and the spirit, is a battle that still rages inside of them, even when they get older and later on in life.

When it comes to the Christian’s longsuffering with the lost, the kindness they are to do, the goodness they are to portray, the faithfulness they are to live in and the gentleness they are to show, they are all guided by this thing called self-control, and the battle that comes with them when the flesh opposes the things of the Spirit or the Spirit the flesh. Just as Paul said;

For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

Have you struggled with being kind to people you don't want to be kind to? Or love people you don't really want to love?

Because as long as we are on this earth in this earthly, fleshly, pre-redemption bodies, we will struggle with the flesh in some form or another as it wars with the spirit. And because of that, we must exercise that fruit of God called self-control. Just as Paul commands us in Galatians chapter 5 in verse 1 saying;

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

Paul implies here that there is that possibility of going back to the desires of the flesh. To go back to the things of his first list. But he says 'Do not be entangled again!' don't go back there, don't be drawn back into the sins and lusts of the flesh. But rather, 'stand fast!' stand fast in the liberty by which Christ has made us free! And how do you stand fast... by discipline, by faith, by self-control which comes as a fruit from the Holy Spirit.

The apostle Peter also writes of those who got out of the bad things of this world only to be drawn back in again, in 2 Peter chapter 2 verse 20 he says;

...after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

And in both verses the apostles are talking about Christians, those who have by the knowledge of Jesus Christ overcome the world and its lusts, only to fall back in because of deception and a lack of self-control. Peter says in the verse that ‘the latter end is worse for them than the beginning’, to have come to the truth and accepted it, and then to walk away and reject it, will be worse for that person than never having heard the gospel in the first place.

It’s a verse and teaching where the once save always saved camp says, ‘well that’s what it says but that’s not what it means’.

Listen... what it says, is what it means, it reminds us and warns us that this war with the flesh will never end while we are in this mortal body here on this earth, that the battle will never be over until we are glorified with Christ. And I do not say that to put you down or crush your spirit with such discouraging words, but to show us the reality of our fallen nature and the dangers of obeying the flesh.

But for that negative there is also a positive, a positive aspect to the struggles of this life. As the got-question.org article which I read from earlier goes on to say;

When we are saved by Christ's sacrifice, we are free. That liberty includes, among other things, freedom from sin. "Our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin" (Romans 6:6). Now, as the Spirit gives us self-control, we can refuse sin.

God, in the giving of the Holy Spirit to the believer has made available to us that ability to overcome sin, to overcome those desires and passions, and sensual appetites of the flesh. And not only has He given us the power of the Holy Spirit in the areas of overcoming sin, He has also given us the ability to live by faith in those fruits of the spirit, in showing love, and having joy, and living with peace, to live in all the fruits that come from God.

But He doesn't do it with some magic wand that magically removes all the sinful desires from your soul, and then implants all these fruits, as in 'poof' it's all fixed in me as it should be. I wish it would work like that, but it doesn't.

He doesn't take the bad things away just like that, but rather, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God has given us the power to choose right, to do right, to overcome that which formerly ensnared us and pulled us down, He has given us the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome those fleshly things and make us free.

And if we just look at the promise of overcoming sinful things for a moment, as it is explained to us by Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:13 which says;

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Every temptation we face in this life will always, listen, will always have a way of escape which is provided for by God. Paul says 'no' temptation will ever overtake you, if by the power of the Holy Spirit, you don't want it to. There will always be 'the' way of escape. Listen, I can't express that line enough, **THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A WAY OF ESCAPE!**

To either look away, or to walk away, or to put away, and flee that which is tempting you. The bible says that God always makes a way of escape, there is always that choice of not giving in to the temptation you are facing. It is always our choice to take the way of escape, and it is always our choice to give into the sin.

And very often it will be a battle, sometimes it will be a raging battle of the mind between the desires of the flesh and the will of the spirit that we will struggle with. And the one thing we must remember that it is not God that is tempting us. No James says in chapter 1 verse 13:

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

Listen, it is the devil who tempts us, and it is God who tests us. And what's the difference, you may ask. Well, I have said it like this in the past, the devil always tempts us into doing something bad, to sin, to the flesh, to something that is always down in direction of our spiritual walk, and will always be something that will grieve the Holy Spirit.

But when the Lord tests us, I believe is to test us to do something right, to do the right thing in a given situation, and that not doing it wouldn't necessarily be a sin, but it wouldn't give God the glory He was seeking. When the devil tempts us it is always to take us down, when God tests us it is always to take us up. The devil gets us to like sin, God gets us to become like Christ.

And it is this self-control that comes as a fruit from the Holy Spirit that moves us and guides us to do the right thing in any and every circumstance or situation. It is to allow ourselves to be controlled by the Holy Spirit, His guiding, His strength, His wisdom and not of our own. So that God's fruit of self-control becomes my self-control, in that the Holy Spirit begins to control my life in the direction He wants it to go, so that I can overcome all my earthly, fleshly, sinful desires and temptations. And pass the test that God gives me so that I may glorify Him. It's like the quote from Oswald Chambers I have used in the past where he says;

Never sympathize with a soul whose case makes you come to the conclusion that God is hard. God is tenderer than anyone we can conceive of, and if a man cannot get through to Him, it is because there is a secret thing he does not intend to give up.

Never allow anything to hinder you from being in the place where your spiritual life is maintained.

Oswald Chambers. The Complete Works of Oswald Chambers (p. 160). Kindle Edition.

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And it all comes in this form of self-control which pertains to every aspect of your life. Not only with the sins of the first list as I noted earlier, but that it affects every other fruit in the second list as well, our love, our joy, our peace, our longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and gentleness, they are all governed by a self-control which is to be under the influence of the Holy Spirit as bourn-again believers.

And it is the one that you will find warring the most against the flesh of self within the mind of the believer. This is why Oswald Chambers said, ‘never allow anything to hinder you from being in the place where your spiritual life is maintained’. Because it is a war of such significance that if we are victorious, it will lead us to the gates of heven, but if we allow ourselves to be defeated, it will lead us through the gates of hell.

Just as the author of Hebrews says to the weary Christians in chapter 10 in verse 34 to the end of the chapter saying;

for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven.

35 Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.

36 For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

37 "For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry.

38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him."

39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

Everything we looked at in the first half of this series, the list Paul gives us in verses 19 through 21 of Galatians chapter 5, are battles of the flesh, battles that are fought out in the mind. They are things that can ‘draw us back’, draw us back to destruction if one does not take the way of escape. However they are battles that can be won by the power of the Holy Spirit, by those who believe in the saving of the soul.

And it is done by a self-control which comes as the fruit and power of God by the Holy Spirit in the believer. To overcome any and every temptation and sin and fleshly desire we may find on this earth.

And it all depends on one thing, one very important thing and that is you, if you the individual, the self, if you choose to take that way of escape and overcome.

Yes, people can encourage you, help you in sorting things out, guiding you with truth and encouragement, but at the end of the day it still is and always will be your own decision. A decision that no one else can make for you. At the end of the day, YOU will be the one accountable for your actions. Not your parents, not your friends, not even the devil! And to show you this, turn with me to Galatians chapter 6 and follow with me starting in verse 1. And listen to the encouraging words Paul gives us regarding those who are struggling.

Galatians chapter 6 starting in verse 1;

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

But now note verse 5;

5 For each one shall bear his own load.

Yes, you can be uplifted by others, encouraged by others, supported by others, guided by the advice of others, loved by others, but at the end of the day you have your own choice to make, a choice which no one else can make for you, and that will be to either take the way of escape or, to give into sin. To allow that self-control of the Holy Spirit to guide you in choosing right or simply let the flesh of self have control in choosing that which is wrong.

It is... your own... load, your own decision, and no one can do that for you. Oh they can tell you what to do, which may be the right thing to do, but you still have to do it. Out of your own self you still have to do decide what to do, by either allowing the Holy Spirit to control the good action or by the lack of your own self-control and give into sin. And there will be no one else to blame for wrong or bad decisions but you. Because just look at the following verses of verses 7 and 8 where Paul says;

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

It is your decision to choose to do good or give into the temptation to do evil. As Paul says; ‘For whatever a man sows, that he will also reap’. And it all revolves around this fruit of self-control.

And to give you an illustration from the bible, listen to Paul, in his defense before the governor Felix after he arrived in Caesarea in acts chapter 24. And you can turn to the chapter in your bibles.

In verses 1 through 9 we hear of the accusations of Ananias the high priest against Paul. Then in verses 10 through 21 Paul gives his own initial arguments and then picking up the conclusion of his defense in verse 22 it says this;

But when Felix heard these things, having more accurate knowledge of the Way, he adjourned the proceedings and said, "When Lysias (Lee-see-eus) the commander comes down, I will make a decision on your case."

23 So he commanded the centurion to keep Paul and to let him have liberty, and told him not to forbid any of his friends to provide for or visit him.

24 And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.

And now note verse 25;

25 Now as he (that is Paul) reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

It says that this great governor of a man became 'afraid' when Paul reasoned about righteousness, self-control and the judgment to come. He told Paul to; 'go away for now; when I have a convenient time, I will call for you'.

Why? Why would such a man as Felix, one with such position and prestige become afraid of these words? And tell Paul to go away?

Well, I believe that these three things that Paul talked about all go hand in hand when it comes to eternity.

Righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come. Doing what is right, choosing what is right are all in light of the judgment of what those first two actions will bring.

Why was Felix afraid, I assume that as a wealthy well to do governor, he was not living right, he was not exercising self-control with some of his desires and passions, and sensual appetites. And having more accurate knowledge of the Way, he knew that he was not living a righteous life before God, and probably knew he lacked self-control, something that is often lacking when it comes to people with power and prestige... and it made him afraid. Afraid in knowing...

...that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Or as Deuteronomy 28 verse 15 says;

"But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

And when Governor Felix heard the words of Paul, he was afraid. He knew of righteousness, he knew of self-control, and he knew of the judgment that is coming on those who fail in those first two, He knew the Way.

Listen if you have read this book (bible) you know how to live a righteous life, and if you have read through the New Testament, you know about self-control, and if you have read it to the end, you know about the judgment that is coming on those who disobey. Those who disobey the word, disobey the commandments, disobey the Holy Spirit in exercising self-control!

And the problem we have now days is that people are no longer afraid, now days we have churches upon churches that are filled with men and women who are no longer afraid of the judgment that is coming.

And when the issues of righteousness and self-control comes up or even the issue of sin, they say things like Felix did, ‘go away for now, when I have a convenient time, I will call for you’, well actually they just say, ‘go away’. And they go on, reaping what they sow, and more often than not it is corruption instead of life.

A. W. Tozer, in his book ‘The Crucified Life’ gives a very pointed and revealing observation of the churches in his day and writes this;

That there has been over the last half a century a steady decline in the spiritual quality of Christian religion in America, *that* no informed person will attempt to deny.

I am not speaking of liberalism or modernism but of that evangelical wing of Christianity to which I myself belong by theological conviction and personal choice.

I believe the situation has become so serious that the earnest observer is forced to wonder whether our popular evangelical religion today is indeed the true faith of our fathers or simply some form of paganism thinly disguised with a veneer of Christianity to make it acceptable to those who want to call themselves Christian.

Turn to the church page of any city newspaper or leaf through some of the popular magazines today and what you find there will make you sick at heart.

We have come to our present low state as the result of an almost fanatical emphasis on grace to the total exclusion of obedience, self-discipline, patience, personal holiness, cross carrying, discipleship and other such precious doctrines of the New Testament.

These doctrines cannot be made to harmonize with the doctrine of grace as taught by most modern Church fathers. Certainly, though these teachings are not denied, they are either allowed to die from neglect or relegated to a footnote with so many explanations and interpretations as to make them ineffective.

The grace that amazed our fathers-that brought them to their knees in tears and trembling worship-has by deadly familiarity become so mundane that it scarcely affects us at all. That which was so wondrously precious to the Moravians and Methodists and their immediate spiritual descendents has become cheap to a generation of Christians devoted to their own pursuits and engrossed in their own pleasures.

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And that from a man who passed away in 1963, and I wonder what he would say about our Christians and churches today?

Where has our zeal for righteousness gone? Where is the self-control of the Christian now days? A. W. Tozer said ‘We have come to our present low state as the result of an almost fanatical emphasis on grace to the total exclusion of obedience, self-discipline, patience, personal holiness, cross carrying, discipleship and other such precious doctrines of the New Testament.’ And I believe now days we have come to an even lower state than what he was talking about.

We have not only come to a fanatical emphasis on grace, we have come to a fanatical emphasis of self, and I'm not talking about self-control, I'm talking about the fanatical emphasis of self in fulfilling the selfish desires of the flesh... in Christians!

Now days it's all about how ‘I’ feel, what ‘I’ want, what ‘I’ think the bible says and means. It's about believing in an unconditional love and an unconditional forgiveness of a god that allows me to live in any kind of lifestyle and sins of the flesh I want, and the scary part of it is that the Christians are telling themselves that God is ok with all of it and that we are all still going to heaven.

Christians no longer have the fear of God as Felix did, we have no fear of the judgment that is to come, because many have become drunk with their own interpretations of the bible, drunk with pursuits of the flesh and engrossed themselves in their own pleasures.

Who needs self-control if the saints will persevere to the end no matter what, who needs self-control if that once you are saved you are saved eternally, what is the point of self-control when God is a God of unconditional love and unconditional forgiveness and makes it all ok no matter what we do with our life. Why be afraid when there is no judgment that condemns us anyway. And so many Christians forget what Paul says in the bible;

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption... and

...that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

So, my question for you this morning is how is your self-control these days? When we look at some other churches it's pretty bad, but these messages were not written so that we look at other churches, but that we look at ourselves.

Got-questions.org says ‘one of the proofs of God working in our lives is the ability to control our own thoughts, words, and actions’, and I ask you, are you doing that? Are you allowing God to work in your life, control your life? Or is your life just a free-for-all for the flesh in doing whatever it wants to do?

What is your life like in thought, in the things you allow your mind to think, to dwell on, entertain... are they the things of God and His word, or are they the things of the world... lustful and unhealthy thoughts? Jesus said if you hate your brother without cause it is like murder, and looking at a woman with lust is as adultery. Is your mind under the control of the Holy Spirit or is it basking in the sinful pleasures of the flesh?

What about your words, do you exercise that self-control of the Holy Spirit in your words? In the things you say, and how you say them? Are you given too wholesome speech, or are you prone to a talk that is unfitting, of telling off color jokes, or simply talk in tones that are harsh or unkind, snippy or rude? Peter says;

"He who would love life and see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.

Is your tongue under the control of the Holy Spirit or is it spewing out things that should not come from a Christian?

Or what about your interactions with those inside the church and with those outside in this world? Are they under the control of the Holy Spirit in how you treat other people, how you interact with them? What would people say of you outside of these church walls and of your actions out there in the world? Paul says in 1 Timothy 3 verse 7, in the qualifications of a pastor, he says that;

...he must have a good testimony among those who are outside...

A man looking for the position of a pastor, must have a good testimony, out there in the world. Not that he needs to appease the world but that there is to be no hypocrisy in his life that the world would see when he is in the world.

And I believe that this should not only pertain to pastors but to every Christian. Every Christian is to have a good testimony outside of the church.

That all the things of Paul's first list and all of the things of Paul's second list are all to be under the control of this final fruit of self-control of the Holy Spirit.

A self-control that puts off the things of the flesh, and puts on the things of the spirit, to be as Paul tells us to be in Titus 2 in verses 1 through 6 and then wraps it all up in verses 7 and 8 by saying that

7 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility,

8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

And again, my question with this message is... are you living like this? Are you living with self-control, and not even so much as your own self-control but allowing the Holy Spirit to control you in conforming you to Jesus? Your thoughts, your will, your desires? Is it the spirit of God that directs you in every area of your life? Or is it the flesh? Is there still the 'I will be who I want to be' kind of attitude within yourself coming from the flesh? Is the drawing of the world still greater than the drawing of God? Because Paul does say in Romans chapter 8 in the first half of verse 13;

For if you live according to the flesh you will die;

But in the second half he says this;

but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

And so as we conclude, the real question is do you want to live? Do you want to live eternally in the kingdom of God? If you do then you must allow the Holy Spirit to take control of your life, and not just a little bit, or a lot of it, but all of it.

So that the fruit of self-control coming from the Holy Spirit controls every aspect of your life. To surrender all control to Him, in humility. To allow the Holy Spirit to conform us daily to the image of Christ.

As John says;

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

A purifying that comes from a self that that is under the control of the Holy Spirit, a control that pertains to all the things of Paul's lists, in putting off the first list of sins and putting on the fruits of second.

Because it is as Oswald Chambers says;

None of us have control over our circumstances, but we are responsible for the way we pilot ourselves in the midst of things as they are.

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It's my choice... and I need to look at myself and ask, am I guilty of allowing my flesh to following its fleshly desires and sinful ways... or am I going to be rewarded for the fruits I bear in the spirit in allowing the Holy Spirit to take control of my life? You know where to go to look for those answers.

And I just want to close with a quote from Warren Wiersbe's commentary, where he says this;

When you find yourself in difficult circumstances, seek to discern through the Word and prayer whether your suffering is from nature, from God, or from Satan.

Is God perfecting you? Is he disciplining you? Is Satan seeking to hinder your ministry or even destroy you? You cannot control the origin of your suffering, but you can control the outcome.

Because

If Satan can get you to act and think independently of God's will, he can then control your will and control your life. You will think that you are acting freely, which is part of Satan's deception; but actually, you will be acting under orders from the ruler of this world.

Wiersbe, Warren W. . The Strategy of Satan (p. 43). Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.. Kindle Edition.

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We either choose to be like the rest of the lost world, in being under the sway of the wicked one, be under the control of the devil, under the control of the flesh and our own selfish desires. Or we can surrender our all to the Holy Spirit, to allow our self-control to be under the control of God, in allowing His Spirit to rule our life. To surrender ourselves to God almighty in order to overcome the sinful things of Paul's first list and become trees bearing the fruits of the second list and we would glorify God with our lives as Jesus says;

"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

And as we come to the end these fruits of the spirit, I pray that the Lord would continue to give us wisdom in these areas in being fruitful Christians for God to be fruitful trees in the kingdom of God.

To glorify God with our lives, in all that we do, whether inside the mind or outside the body, inside the church or outside in the world, denying the works of the flesh or being filled with the fruits of the Spirit. All so that that God would be glorified.