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Title: Fruit-Filled Vs. Fruit Flavored

Text: Galatians 5:16-25

Target: The fruit of the Holy Spirit begins when the lust of the flesh comes to an end.

I. **_____ by the Spirit:** *"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."* (Vs. 16)

A. The War Within: *"For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh."* (Vs.17a)

B. The Will to Win: *"for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do."* (Vs. 17b)

II. **_____ by the Spirit:** *"But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law."* (Vs. 18)

A. The Law demands Perfection: *"under"* (Vs. 18)

B. The Flesh demands Pleasure: *"Now the works of the flesh are evident..."* (Vs. 19-21a)

C. The Kingdom demands Pursuit: *"I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."* (Vs. 21b)

III. **_____ of the Spirit:** *"But the fruit of the Spirit..."* (Vs. 22a)

A. Singularity of the Fruit: *"fruit"* (Vs. 22)

B. Source of the Fruit: *"the Spirit"* (Vs. 22)

C. Subset of the Fruit: (Vs. 22a-23)

1. **Upward Relationship with God:** *"love, joy, peace"*

2. **Outward Responsibility with Others:** *"patience, kindness, goodness"*

3. **Inward Requirement for Self:** *"faithfulness, gentleness, self-control against such things there is no law."*

IV. **_____ by the Spirit:** *"If we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."* (Vs. 25)

A. Die to Self: *"And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."* (Vs. 24)

1. **Daily Decision:** Crucify *"passions"*

2. **Daily Direction:** Crucify *"desires"*

B. Devote yourself: *"Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."* (Vs. 26)

1. **Daily Dependency:** Not to be *"conceited"*

2. **Daily Discernment:** Not to be *"provoking"*

3. **Daily Discipline:** Not to be *"envying"*

Takeaway: Just two choices on the shelf, pleasing God or pleasing self.

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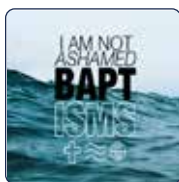
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