

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. **Walk 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. **Led 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. **Fruit 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. **Live 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.