

Small Group Guide 15

Galatians 5:19–23 (ESV)

¹⁹ *Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

Notice the Contrast:

Flesh	VS	Spirit
Work		Fruit
Enmity		Love
Strife		Joy
Fits of Anger		Peace
Envy		Kindness
Divisions		Goodness
Orgies		Self-Control

Questions for Application

Read Jesus' words in Matthew 7:17-23. How can we tell the difference between genuine and false believers?

Read Jesus words in John 15:4-8. Understanding these verses along with Galatians 5 where should we focus? On the fruit or on Christ and His word?

Which pursuit of spirituality are you in danger of falling into?
(isolation, legislation, sophistication, liberation)

What changes could you make in your life to produce more fruit?