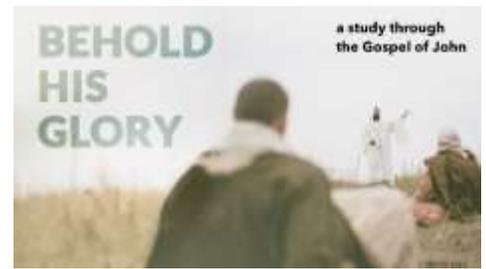


# The Fruit of the Spirit

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**Passage:** Galatians 5:14-26

**Main Point:** The Spirit-filled life is made known by the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives.

### Case Study:

You notice that you have been allowing the world to pull you into the habit of succumbing to the acts of the sinful nature. Envy has led to anger, which has led you to pursue selfish ambitions. Now that you recognize your folly, how do you get back on track with the Spirit-filled life? (5:17, 19-23)

### **The Word:**

1. Read Romans 3:20. In light of the Fruit of the Spirit, how does the command, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” summarize the Law? (5:14)
2. Why is the sinful nature in conflict with the Spirit? (5:17)
3. How has the sinful nature been defeated for the believer? (5:24)

### **The World:**

1. Can someone who is not a believer display all of the Fruit of the Spirit? (5:22-26) Why or why not?
2. In what ways are the acts of the sinful nature different from the Fruit of the Spirit? (5:19-23)
3. What are the most prominent acts of the sinful nature in our community and in our country? (5:19-21)

### **The Application:**

1. How does a Spirit-filled life liberate you from the Law’s condemnation? (5:22-24)
2. Paul warns against becoming conceited and envious. How does your awareness of the characteristics of the Fruit of the Spirit help lead you in humility? (5:26)
3. The Fruit of the Spirit is not a series of achievements, but is evidence of a Spirit-filled life. How will the Fruit of the Spirit become evident in your life? (5:25)

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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### How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don’t feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen “heart” conversation.)