



# DISCIPLESHIP ESSENTIALS SERIES

**SUNDAY 18TH JUNE 2023**

Topic: Discipleship Essential "Spirit Brings Fruit"

Gal 5:16-26

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What we worship determines the type of Fruit we grow.

If we worship self, we produce Fruit of the flesh (v19-21)

If we worship God, he produces Fruit from His Spirit (22-23)

Spiritual Fruit is produced through intimacy – by loitering in his presence (v24)

The Spirit of God produces the Fruit we need in our lives for the season we are in.

In all our efforts to do and be a better church, we need to be sufficient with the presence of God.



We can often be frustrated with what we see in Church, both locally and internationally. We can always find areas of weakness if we look for them. The apostle Paul wrote the book of Galatians for the Church in Galatia, who were plagued by infighting and internal conflict. In Chapter 5, we see Paul address the source of the conflict. The source of conflict comes when believers operate and 'worship' the flesh (human desires) and don't submit to God's Spirit.

Our worship determines the type of Fruit we produce. When we worship and spend time with God, he generates Fruit by His Spirit in us. The Fruit of the Spirit is the Fruit of intimacy.

Q. Do you have daily moments of intimacy with God without agendas or distractions?

Q. What do you need to do to make these sacred moments significant and important in your life?

When we focus the attention of our hearts on Jesus, the things around us grow dim in their importance and significance. In the sermon this week, we heard about the Revival in Asbury, when young people flocked from around the country to simply be in God's presence and experience His peace. The worship, the music, and the preaching were nothing special. But people were hungry to be satisfied by God. This is the beauty of the Church. People in adoration worshipping a God who deserves to be worshipped, who by worshipping generates in his people incredible Fruit.





Q. Is Jesus enough for you? Is he enough for you to commit to his Church, his body?

It is a difficult question to answer, but at its heart, it seeks to determine our motive and agenda. When we rediscover our love for Jesus, we also discover that the type of music, the quality of preaching, and kid's ministry, among a myriad of other things, simply become less important.

Q. What things have frustrated you about the Church that God is calling you to let go of that have been taking your focus and attention away from Him?

Fruit is the individual formation that develops through intimacy with Jesus. Spiritual Gifts are given to each believer for the building up of the body. Their purpose is for the corporate, the collective believers we call 'Church'. However, gifts used must not be given more priority in our formation than the Fruit that God wants to develop in us. The Spiritual Fruit in our lives is the validation of the transformation, of the authenticity of our faith. Being is more important than doing. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-2

Q. How does our message without love (Fruit of spirit) sound like clanging symbols?

Q. Pray for God to develop and grow His Fruit in your life as you spend time with Him.



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