

Keep In Step with the Spirit

Galatians 5:13-26

Last Week

- Fruit- Singular
- "Of the Spirit"
 - Not a to-do list
 - Supernatural in origin
- "Fruit"
 - Natural in growth
 - Create the right conditions for growth

Freedom

- “I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!” Galatians 2:21
- “But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn’t that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker. “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:17-20
- “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.” Galatians 5:6
- “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.” Galatians 5:13

Sin Nature

- “The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.”
Galatians 5:19-21
- Crucify the Flesh

Application

- “It’s a wonderfully liberating experience when the desire to please God overtakes the desire to please ourselves and when love for others displaces love for self. True freedom is not freedom from responsibility to God and others in order to live for myself, but freedom from myself in order to live for God and for others.” –John Stott
- How can you live more for others? How has God called you to service of someone else? What responsibility do you have to others?
- How have you been acting in selfishness?