



# World Christian Fellowship

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## Galatians

### Lesson 60 – Fruit of the Spirit Responsibility

**Galatians 5:22-23**, *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,<sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.*

Understand our responsibilities in fruit bearing and to deal with the expression: "Against such there is no law."

#### **Galatians 5:19-26,**

The Apostle is contrasting two ways of walking:

1. After the desires of the flesh;
2. After the Teachings of the Holy Spirit.

There are other contrasts that are drawn that are basically dealing with the same thing:

1. Darkness or Light (**1 John 1:6-7**)
2. Carnally- minded or Spiritually minded (**Romans 8:6**)
3. Being a Slave of Sin or a Slave of Righteousness (**Romans 6:17-18**).

The challenge of the Christian is really two-fold:

1. To put to death the Lust of the flesh (to put off the old man with his deeds.

**Colossians 3:9**, *Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,*

2. To put on the new man that walks in righteousness (**Ephesians 4:20-24**).

We have taken the time to print out listings of Sins and listings of the fruit to be in the life of the Christian.

When you become a Christian there is a conflict begins in you. Before you are a Christian you enjoy committing sin. No guilt. No remorse. Noe pain.

But suddenly when the Holy Spirit comes into your life there comes the conflict.

## **Who Bears Fruit?**

Sins are called the "works of the flesh" in **Galatians 5:16-21**.

## **Who produces these works (sins)?**

Is it the flesh that produces these works or is it the person who gives in to the fleshly desires?

We believe the answer is obvious or we would otherwise have no control over doing these things!

The person gives in to the desires and becomes guilty before God.

Without the fleshly desires we would not do these works of the flesh. Without the Spirit we would not produce the fruit of the Spirit.

**Romans 7:4**, *Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.*

The Christian bears fruit to God!

But before they became Christians, they produced fruit that led to death.

**Romans 7:5**, *For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.*

God is glorified when we bear much fruit.

**John 15:8**, *By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

We can only bear fruit unto God by abiding in Jesus.

**John 15:5**, *“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.*

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

**James 3:17-18**, *But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*

The Christian is challenged by God to put off the old man of sin and put on the new man that has the fruit of the Spirit in his life.

This fruit will not be there unless we do what the Spirit tells us.

List of the things that need to be put into our lives are found in **2 Peter 1:8-11**, *or if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; <sup>11</sup> for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

## **How can we make our election?**

So, the Spirit produces good fruit in our lives, but only if we will listen to Him and do His bidding!

## **Against such no law**

The New Testament has listing of sins that the Christian is to put away from his life! This may come across as a negative, but it is also positive. The reason for putting these things away is that they are both hurtful to us here and will condemn us away from God for all eternity.

So, the listing of "thou shalt nots" is for our good! We need to appreciate this fact.

God has given listings of good things to be put into our lives. This could also be looked upon as a "negative" by some for it is also "thou shalt!"

But again, we say that these also are "positives" because they are for our good. But the Apostle's expression is letting us know that the Law (which condemns the works of the flesh) do not condemn or find fault with the fruit of the Spirit.

The Law of Christ (**Galatians 5:21**) approves of such actions and promises eternal rewards to those who have such fruit in their lives (they CAN enter the kingdom of heaven).

In the great commission, Jesus told the Apostles to teach these new disciples to observe all that Jesus has commanded (**Matthew 28:18-20**).

Jesus also made it very clear that the one who truly loves Him will keep his commandments (John 14:15).

## Conclusion

It should be obvious that all of us are obedient to one of two laws:

1. The Law of Sin and Death; or
2. The Law of the Spirit of Life (the Gospel)

**Romans 8:1-2**, *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

We have no choice about being under Law, but a choice of which Law we will serve.

**Romans 6:17-18**, *But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. <sup>18</sup>And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.*

Those who are led by the Spirit produce the fruit of the Spirit!

## **LISTING OF WORKS OF FLESH**

### **Galatians 5:19-21**

1. Adultery
2. Fornication
3. Uncleaness
4. Lewdness
5. Idolatry
6. Sorcery
7. Hatred
8. Contentions
9. Jealousies
10. Outburst of wrath
11. Selfish Ambitions
12. Dissensions
13. Heresies
14. Envy
15. Murder
16. Drunkenness
17. Revelries & the like

### **Romans 1:29-31**

18. All unrighteousness
19. Wickedness
20. Covetousness
21. Maliciousness
22. Strife
23. Deceit
24. Evil mindedness
25. Whisperers
26. Backbiters
27. Haters of God

28. Violent
29. Proud
30. Boasters
31. Inventors of evil things
32. Disobedient to parents
33. Undiscerning
34. Untrustworthy
35. Unloving
36. Unforgiving
37. Unmerciful

### **Romans 13:13**

38. Lewdness
39. Lust

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**

40. Homosexuals
41. Sodomites
42. Thieves
43. Extortioners
44. Filthiness
45. Foolish talking
46. Coarse Jesting  
etc.

## **LISTING OF FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

### **Galatians 5:22-23**

1. Love
2. Joy

3. Peace
4. Long-suffering
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self-Control

### **Ephesians 4:25-32; 5:9**

10. Speak truth
11. Forgiving
12. Righteousness
13. What is acceptable to the Lord

### **Philippians 1:9-11**

14. Love to abound in knowledge & discernment.
15. Approve things that are excellent
16. Be sincere and without offense
17. Be filled with fruits of righteousness

### **Philippians 2:1-4**

18. Merciful
19. Like-minded
20. One accord
21. Esteem others better than self
22. Look out for interests of others also

### **Colossians 3:12-14**

23. Humility
24. Bearing with one another

### **1 Thessalonians 5:14-22**

25. Warn unruly
26. Comfort the fainthearted
27. Uphold the weak
28. Be patient with all
29. Do no evil to anyone
30. Pursue what is good for you and for all.
31. Rejoice always
32. Pray without ceasing
33. Test all things—hold fast to the good.
34. Abstain from every form of evil.

## **2 Peter 1:5-8**

35. Virtue
36. Knowledge
37. Godliness
38. Brotherly kindness