

1. _____ the fruit of the Spirit. (vv. 22-23)

The first group has to do with our relationship _____.

- _____ is unselfishly serving someone regardless of the cost to ourselves.
- _____ is a settled peace and security which is unaffected by the changing circumstances of life.
- When we are living in love and joy, the result is _____ in our hearts.

The next group of character qualities has to do with our relationship _____.

- _____ is translated long-suffering in some versions of the Bible and that grasps the idea well.
- _____ is the expression of feelings of compassion and mercy.
- _____ is trying to imitate God.

The last group of attributes concerns our relationship _____.

- _____ means the trustworthiness or integrity of a person.
- _____, sometimes translated meekness, is best defined as strength under control.
- _____ may be last because it is the hardest.

2. _____ the works of the flesh. (vv. 19-21)

_____ and _____ are the works of the flesh that impact our relationship with God.

Then Paul lists _____ qualities that impact our relationship with one another.

- Enmities, jealousy, outbursts of anger, and envying are _____ that result from seeing the people around us from our own selfish point of view.
- Strife, disputes, dissensions and factions are _____ that come from trying to use the people around us to accomplish our own selfish purposes.

But that is what I want us to keep in mind. People who consistently _____ the works of the flesh are signaling loud and clear that they are not walking in the Spirit.

Finally, we see that there are several characteristics that _____ our relationship with ourselves.

- Immorality, impurity, sensuality (or debauchery) and carousing (or orgies) are all _____ of the God-given gift of sex.
- Any time we are _____, we are controlled not by the Spirit of God but by the basest impulses of our selfish nature, let loose by the effect of alcohol.

3. Be _____ in Christ. (vv. 24-25)

Paul says we need to _____ the flesh.

If we are alive in the Spirit of Christ, let us also walk, or _____ our _____ day to day, by the Spirit of Christ.

Calvary Connection Group
Discussion Questions for the week of Feb. 3, 2019

Getting to Know Me

- Valentine's Day is coming soon (fair warning!). Without giving away any secrets, do you have your plans made? If so, can you share them with?

- What is your favorite restaurant in the Wickenburg area (anything west of Surprise & south of Prescott)?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- After agape love, the most misunderstood of the fruit of the Spirit is joy. What do the following verses say or imply about Christian joy? Is it just more happiness? Why or why not? (Rom. 15:13; 2 Cor. 6:4-10; 8:1-2; Phil. 2:17-18; 3:1; 4:4; 1Thess. 5:16-18)

- Does the end of v. 21 mean that if I lose my temper or get jealous or get drunk (or any of the other works of the flesh) even once I'm going to lose my salvation? Why or why not? (Hint: here's the definition of the word "practice" (NASB) from Strong's Dictionary: "Spoken of particular deeds, acts, or works done *repeatedly or continually*, to do, perform, execute.")

- Why is it important that we realize that Paul wrote this passage to Christians, not to non-Christians? Why should this both comfort and scare us?

Application

- Many today would say that we have a right to "let it all hang out" when it comes to expressing our feelings. Do you agree or disagree in light of this passage?

- Which of the works of the flesh is your Achilles' heel? What can you do to be on guard against being tripped up by this again?