

**Title:** The Manifest Spirit

**Text:** Galatians 5:22-26

**Main Idea:** Let the fruit of God's Spirit shine forth in you!

**Division Statements:**

[Please note: You may preach this text logically in as many as nine or ten weeks or as few as one, depending on God's leading. When I've taught these verses, I've done it as presented. I've also covered verses 24-26 at the same time as verses 19-21 and broke out verses 22-23 in order to spend more time on each individual aspect of the fruit of the Spirit, and I've also taught the verses in a nine week class. Submit the question to God and follow His leading for your particular audience.]

**1. The fruit of the Spirit is one fruit with many aspects (v. 22).**

Note in the Greek text that there is one fruit singular and the proper verb is "is" rather than "are." This is a critical point, because it guards us against focusing on one particular aspect of the fruit to the detriment of others, like you might buy apples in the grocery store and ignore the bananas. For instance, a naturally gentle person might have difficulty with faithfulness when faithfulness requires discipline. Such a person might seek justification in believing that they are just more gifted in this "fruit" as opposed to the other. But the person displaying the true "fruit" of the Spirit, singular, will hold these two aspects together in the correct balance.

**2. The fruit of the Spirit reflects the character of God (vv. 22-23).**

This division is the appropriate place to discuss each particular aspect of the fruit of the Spirit with appropriate cross references and examples.

**3. The fruit of the Spirit is a gift of God (vv. 22-23).**

This is an inescapable conclusion from the language, καρπὸς τοῦ πνεύματος. "Fruit" means literally, "crop, outcome, product, or consequence." In other words, it's something He produces in us.

**4. The fruit of the Spirit is to continually shine forth in the believer's life (vv. 24-25).**

Meaning of "walk."

**5. The fruit of the Spirit is to be born out of humble dependence on the Spirit (v. 26).**

Those who seek after godliness through prideful self-reliance will run afoul of this verse in all three ways: conceit, provocation and envy. The converse is humble, childlike, dependence on the Spirit

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**Bridging From Text To Sermon**

**Textual Idea:** Paul describes for us the character of those who “walk in the Spirit.”

**Sermon Proposition:** Let the fruit of God’s Spirit shine forth in you!

**Interrogative:** What do I need to know that the fruit of the spirit might be displayed in my life?

**Transition:** There are five principles in this text that we need to understand that the fruit of God’s Spirit may be displayed in our lives.

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