



“The Victory Garden”

Galatians 5:16-25; 6:7-8





West Liberty Gardening



It's All In The Tilling!





Biblical Garden Bookends

Original Home – Genesis 2:8-9

Future Home – Revelation 22:1-2

Galatians 5:22-23

Fruit Of The Spirit





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“The Victory Garden” Goals

- 1. Christ Be Formed In You – Individually**
- 2. Christ Be Formed In You - Corporately**



I. The Context Within The Word (Galatians)

- 1. Not In The OT Under The Law**
- 2. Not In Gospels Before Holy Spirit**
- 3. Is First Epistle Chronologically**



“The Righteous Shall Live By Faith”

Galatians 2:21 – Grace

Galatians 3:13 – Redeemed

Galatians 5:1 – Freedom

Galatians 5:5 – Hope

II. The Contrast With The Weeds (5:16-21)



The Old Fruit Tree





Weeds!

1. Do Not Have To Cultivate
2. Sap Plants Of Nutrients



Three Types Of Sins (Weeds)

1. **Sensual Sins** (Immorality)
2. **Selfish Sins** (Idolatry)
3. **Social Sins** (Incivility)



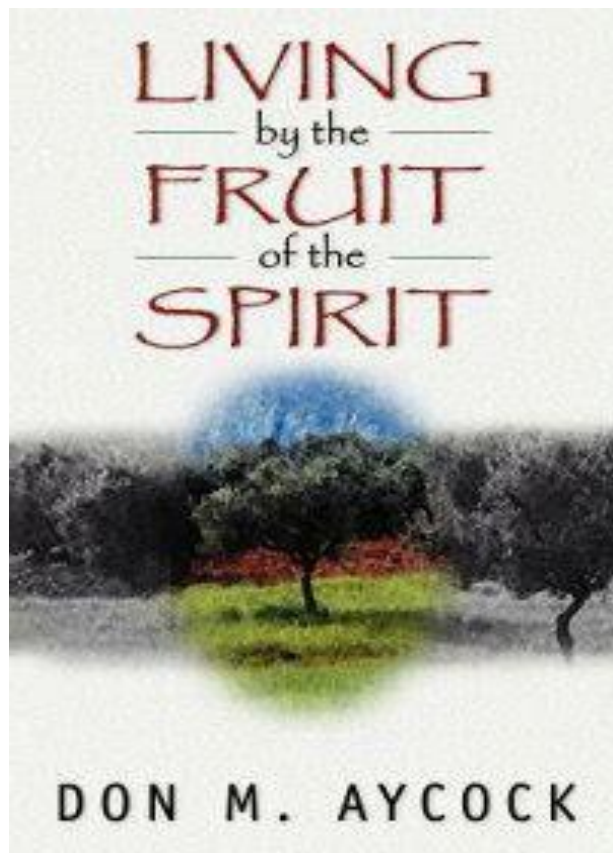
III. The Characteristics Of The Walk (22-23)

Walk Is A Command (5:16)

1. Godward: Love, Joy & Peace
2. Manward: Patience, Kindness, & Goodness
3. Inward: Faithfulness, Gentleness, & Self-Control



Question



**Why Is It Fruit
And Not Fruits?**



IV. The Conquest Over The World (24-25)

1. Identification With Christ's Crucifixion

Galatians 2:20 and 6:14

2. Synchronized Walk With The Holy Spirit

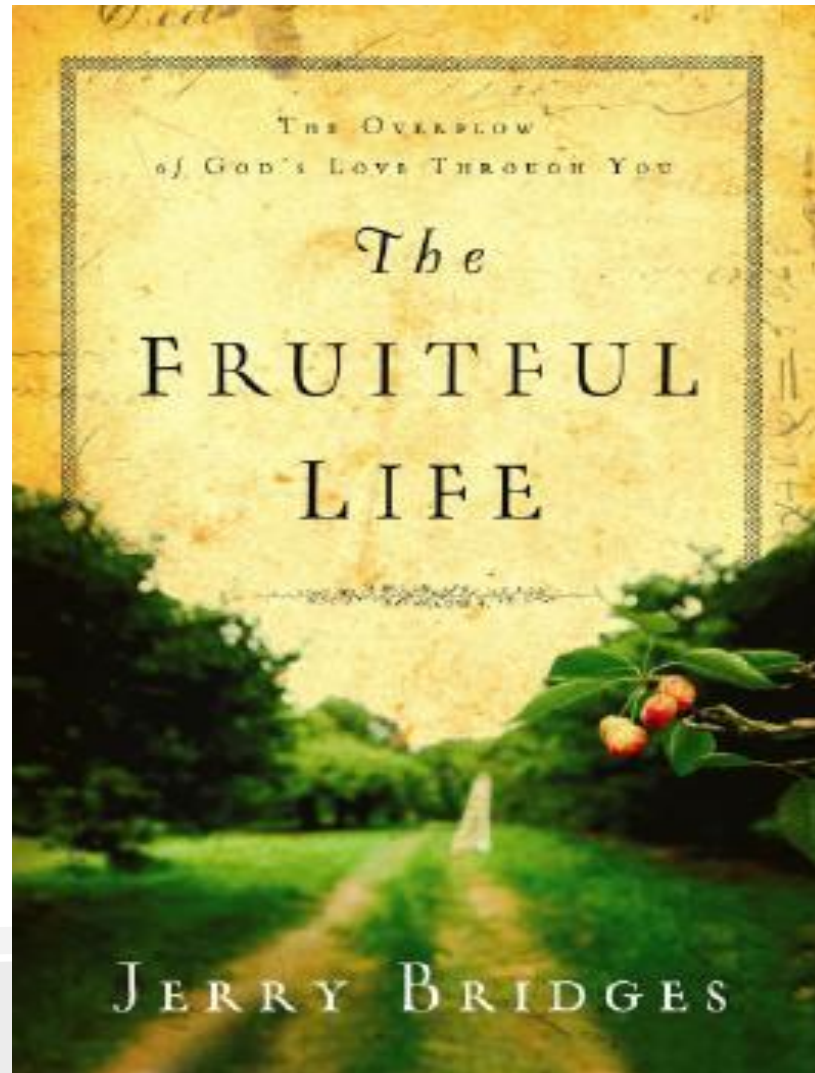
Galatians 5:15 & II Corinthians 3:18



V. The Consequences Of Our Will (6:7-8)

1. **Each Action Is A Choice – Sowing Seeds**
2. **God Will Not Be Outwitted – Consequences**

Thoughts From John Owen





Romans 8:6-9

“Judaizers thought that Christian character was produced by habitual obedience to rules and ceremonies. Paul said that holiness is something which God plants within men, a seed which develops and blossoms under proper care” (John W. Sanderson).



**If You Want A Better Church,
Be A Better Member.**





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