

Life in the Kingdom  
**Fresh Produce**

Galatians 5:13-26

Pastor Chris Lenhart – September 3, 2023



**Introduction**

*What is the fruit of the healthy Christian community?*

**Productive Calling (13-15)**

*What is the fruit or produce of a community centered on the consumption of one another, rather than centered on Christ and his commands?*

**Rotten Produce (16-21)**

*What are the fruits of individuals and communities who are filled and fueled by the Spirit?*

**Fresh Produce (22-26)**

**How might individuals and communities pursuing Jesus together, recognize the production of the Spirit's fruit in and through their lives?**

**Further Study**

Gal. 1-5:12

Acts 15  
Romans 6

**Next Week: Pastor Bob Reid**

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<p>Life in the Kingdom</p> <p><b>Fresh Produce</b></p> <p>Next Steps: Home Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Gal. 5:13-26</p>
<p><b>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</b></p> <p>Start with <b>Prayer</b> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><b><u>Read the Text</u></b> – Galatians 5:13-26</p> <p><b><u>Questions for Reflection &amp; Discussion:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In what ways does our freedom in Christ, motivate the fulfillment of whole law? (vss.13-15)</li> <li>2. In verse 15, Paul gives the Church warning to watch out that we don't bite and devour or consume one another. How do verses 16-21 describe and define individuals and communities that engage, participate in, and endorse the sins of consumerism?</li> <li>3. What is the warning in verse 21? Why is it important for the Church to remain aware, mindful, and discerning about the fruit we are producing?</li> <li>4. Ultimately Paul contrasts the rotten fruit of verses 16-21, with the fresh, and life-giving Spirit fruit of verses 22-26. Identify the broad contrasts that exist between these two types of fruit. Fundamentally speaking, how are they different?</li> <li>5. Taking into consideration all the fruits of the Spirit, describe and define ways that Christian churches might function, operate, and provide ministry, as these fruits have effect within our congregations. (vss. 22-26).</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation &amp; Application:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does this text challenge us to grow in a greater love for God?</li> <li>2. How are we motivated to grow in a greater love for others?</li> <li>3. How might Jesus be motivating us to apply some of the principles from this passage to our families, careers, communities, or churches?</li> <li>4. How might Jesus be using us to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?</li> <li>5. How can we pray for each other between now and next time?</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Supporting Scripture</u></b> Gal. 1-5:12 Acts 15 Romans 6</p> <p><b><u>Prayer Requests</u></b> Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>