

— **Galatians 5:22** | *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (CSB)*

— **Galatians 5:23** | *gentleness, and self-control. The law is not against such things. (CSB)*

The Character of the Fruit of the Spirit

I. The Fruit of the Spirit describes the ideal life.

— **Galatians 5:23b** | *... The law is not against such things. (CSB)*

II. The only source of the Fruit of the Spirit is the Lord.

A. Nothing from any other source will ultimately satisfy.

B. There is a passive nature to obtaining this fruit.

III. The Fruit of the Spirit ripens gradually through cultivation.

A. Be connected to the nutrients needed for growth.

— **John 15:4** | *Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. (CSB)*

B. STAY connected to the source of growth.

— **John 15:5** | *I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me. (CSB)*

IV. The Fruit of the Spirit glorifies God and authenticates believers.

— **John 15:8** | *My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples. (CSB)*

A. The Fruit of the Spirit informs you of how closely you are abiding in Christ.

B. The Fruit of the Spirit informs the world of the goodness of God.