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Galatians 5:22-26 (NIV)

In Step

That is what I want to do. This is the kind of life that I want to live. **What do you want to do? What kind of life do you want to live?** I want to keep in step with you. **How will you know if you are keeping in step with me?** I will listen to your voice. I will meet with you in your word. I will hear all that you have to say to me. I will put into practice all that you are showing me. I will take hold of your word as it takes hold of me. I will go wherever you guide me. I will do whatever you ask of me. **That's good. What else? What changes will you notice in your heart and mind and life as you keep in step with me?** I will notice that my hunger and thirst for God will grow as I keep in step with you. My passion to love and follow and serve Him will increase while my desire for the world will decrease as I keep in step with you. Passion to know God and be known by Him will burn within me. I will want what He wants. I will want to live the life that He has called me to live. He will change the thoughts of my mind, the words of my mouth, and the deeds of my life. I will think and speak and act differently as I keep in step with you. **That's true. What else?** Your fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control will grow in me as I keep in step with you. **That's true. Will you be able to notice that my fruit is growing in you on a daily basis?** No, probably not, that doesn't seem likely. **Why is that?** Little by little and day by day you will be changing me as your fruit is growing in me. I may not notice. I may be the last to notice. But, the growth of your fruit in me is certain as I keep in step with you. **Yes, it is.** You will mold and shape my life. You will make me into the person I have been called to be. You will enable me to live the life that I have been called to live. **Yes, I will as you keep in step with me.** Of that, I am certain. **That is very good.**

Holy Spirit, help me to keep in step with you. Give me a hunger for you and a distaste for the things of this world. I no longer want to keep in step with my old sinful nature and the passions and desires of this world. Instead, I want your fruit to grow fully in me. Amen

Holy Spirit*Fruit Of The Spirit*

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

NIV

Galatians 5:22-25

Holy Spirit*Fruit Of The Spirit*

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

ESV

Galatians 5:22-25

Holy Spirit*Holy Spirit Produces This Kind Of Fruit*

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

NLT

Galatians 5:22-25

Holy Spirit*Fruit Of The Spirit*

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

NKJV

Galatians 5:22-25

Holy Spirit*Fruit Of The Spirit*

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

NRSV

Galatians 5:22-25

Holy Spirit*He Brings Gifts Into Our Lives*

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard—things like affection for others, exuberance about life, serenity. We develop a willingness to stick with things, a sense of compassion in the heart, and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people. We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments, not needing to force our way in life, able to marshal and direct our energies wisely. Legalism is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in the way. Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed off for good—crucified. Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives.

MSG

Galatians 5:22-25

Holy Spirit*Fruit Of The Spirit*

But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]. And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires. If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.]

AMP

Galatians 5:22-25

Holy Spirit*This Kind Of Fruit*

But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control; and here there is no conflict with Jewish laws. Those who belong to Christ have nailed their natural evil desires to his cross and crucified them there. If we are living now by the Holy Spirit's power, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

TLB

Galatians 5:22-25

Holy Spirit*Fruit Of The Spirit*

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

NASB

Galatians 5:22-25

Holy Spirit*The Spirit Produces The Fruit*

But the Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. There is no law that says these things are wrong. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their own sinful selves. They have given up their old selfish feelings and the evil things they wanted to do. We get our new life from the Spirit, so we should follow the Spirit.

NCV

Galatians 5:22-25

The Fruit of The Spirit

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Holy Spirit – Galatians 5:22-25

In Context: *Read Galatians 5*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What will hinder or help you to keep in step with the Holy Spirit?

How will letting God's word dwell in you richly helping you to keep in step with the Holy Spirit?

How is your hunger for God growing and your desire for the world diminishing as you keep in step with the Spirit?

What has the Holy Spirit done in and through you as you have kept in step with Him?

Why can you be certain that the fruit of the Spirit will grow in you as you keep in step with Him?

Why will it be difficult to notice the daily growth of the fruit of the Holy Spirit in you?

Where has the Spirit led you and what has he given you to do as you have kept in step with Him?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make sure that you are keeping in step with the Holy Spirit so that His fruit will continue to grow in you.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the fruit of the Spirit will grow in you as you keep in step with Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are keeping in step with the Holy Spirit.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you keep in step with the Holy Spirit so His fruit will grow in you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Holy Spirit, help me to keep in step with you so that your fruit will grow in me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Holy Spirit, how do you want to grow your fruit in me as I keep in step with you today?
