

Becoming more like Jesus 1: the fruit of the Spirit

While waiting to begin please discuss:

1. How do you feel about: growing in holiness? your own growth in holiness?
2. What one thing about yourself do you most wish that you could change?

Book of the term:

The character of Christ: the fruit of the Spirit in the life of our Saviour, by Jonathan Landry Cruse (Banner of Truth)

1. What should we DO with the fruit of the Spirit? (Galatians 5:13-6:10)

Is it a to-do list?

2. The “fruit of the Spirit” versus “the works of the flesh”

Compare 5:19-23 and 5:22-23

“works” vs “fruit”

3. You are a gardener!

choose your fruit... sow your seed... reap your harvest

HOW can we change and grow?

There’s a battle – 5:16, 5:24

The Saviour gives to us His Spirit of holiness

Sinclair Ferguson: “Our Lord Jesus Christ became the Bearer of the Spirit, in order to be the Bestower of the Spirit.”

Jesus’ Spirit is directing us to Christ (see 5:17, 4:18-29)

Discuss together

1. What difference will it make to approach the fruit of the Spirit NOT as a “to-do” list, but as what He will do for us?
2. Can you think of ways in which the Holy Spirit was involved in the life and ministry of Jesus?
3. Read the Scriptures below. They each speak about WHAT the Lord is doing in us... and HOW he is doing it. Discuss them together.

2 Corinthians 3:18, “And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

2 Corinthians 4:16, “So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.”

1 John 3:2, “Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”