

the TAKE HOME 09.04.16

Sermon Scripture Passage:

Galatians 5:16-26

¹⁶ So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever ^[a] you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

Questions:

1. How would you define self control?
2. How does self control relate to the other qualities of the fruit?
3. Are there areas of your life that are “out of control?” Why do you think these areas are out of control? What are the affects?
4. What is the difference between “working to improve your character” and growing these qualities of fruit” in your character?
5. What is meant by “against these there is no law?”
6. How does this quality of self control and all the others grow in our character? [clue: between vss 16 and 26 find the words “walk” (2x’s) “led” and “live”]
7. What’s our role or responsibility in the growth of these qualities of the Holy Spirit’s fruit in our lives?

Prayer:

1. Holy Spirit give the growth of your fruit in our lives that God may be glorified in and through us.
2. Pray for the Pastoral Search
3. Pray for our elders, deacons and all our leaders. Pray they might not become weary in doing well.
4. Pray for the need of volunteers in the nursery here. (ask whether you can be an answer as well to this prayer)
5. Pray for revival in our nation and for our election process.