

**Bro. Doug Davis “Manifesting the fruit of the Spirit” – See Galatians 5:16-23 (2<sup>nd</sup> class)**

As we know all too well, there is a battle within us that shifts back and forth between “what we want to do and that which we do”; it has been this way since Adam and Eve ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Paul warns us about our weaknesses and contrasts them with the freedoms that come from being strong in the midst of temptation.

Have you ever noticed the ripple effect that sin brings to our lives and how it can negatively impact so many we love but can ignore that when we are only thinking of **our** momentary desires? By the same token, we have experienced the Spirit and its fruit, in varying degrees, and know the positive impact it brings to our lives and those around us when we choose to be led by it.

As a body, we do not discuss the Spirit enough or acknowledge it working in us, yet Paul encourages us to be led by it. We will look at how to allow God’s Spirit to grow within us, which, through His grace, automatically diminishes the works of the flesh.

Throughout the week, we will address practical ways we can ignite, feed and grow this life-giving Spirit in us and how we can share in the pleasant, nourishing fruit that it bears.