

Life in the Spirit

Exploring our Verse for the Year

***“Since we live by the Spirit,
let us keep in step with the Spirit”***

Galatians 5.25

Producing Fruit by the Spirit

Galatians 5.22-23

1. Fruit stems from life

- *These qualities can only be produced by God's Spirit living within us*
 - *our love for God Rom 5.5*
 - *our joy for Jesus 1 Thess 1.6-7*
Ps 92.4; 126.3; 95.1; 19.8; 119.111
 - *our peace with God Rom 5.1; Phil 4.5-7*

- *This is what we expect to see produced in a true follower of Jesus*
John 15.8,16; Mat 7.17-20

2. Fruit needs to be carefully cultivated

- *Through pruning John 15.1-2*
 - *things need to be cut out Col 3.5-10*
1 Pet 1.23-2.1; Gal 5.24
- *and fertilising*
 - *things need to be put on Col 3.12-14*

3. Fruit grows is grown in orchards

- ***A local church enables 'much fruit' to grow***
John 15.8
- ***The fruit is all relational***
 - ***love John 13.34-35***
 - ***joy Phil 1.4-5***
 - ***peace Rom 12.28***
 - ***patience 1 Thess 5.14***
 - ***kindness Eph .32***
 - ***goodness Gal 6.10***
 - ***faithfulness 3 John 5***
 - ***gentleness Gal 6.1***
 - ***self-control 1 Tim 3.1-2***
- ***We must interact for the fruit to grow Heb 10.25***

4. Fruit is for eating!

- ***It's for the nourishment and enjoyment of others***