

Galatians Message #18 - Follow the Evidence

Galatians 5:19-23

Scriptures Referenced in Message: Gal. 5:19-23; James 1:14; Gal. 5:16; John 15:14

1. Read Galatians 5:19-21. Paul lists sensual sins, religious sins, relational sins, and self-indulgent sins. How do these manifest themselves in our day?
2. What clue does Paul give that this is not an exhaustive list of sins that the old nature produces?
3. How does James 1:14 counter the Idea that “the devil made me do it”?
4. Read Psalm 119:9-11. What advice did King David give to help people avoid these kinds of sins? How do you think his advice would help us to avoid a walk in the Flesh, and more consistently walk in the Spirit?
5. Read Gal. 5: 22-23. What are some key differences you see between walking in the flesh and walking in the Spirit?
6. Read John 15:14. What practical key does Jesus give, to walking in the Spirit? What do you think this entails?

7. How can an awareness of these two groups (acts of the sinful Nature and Fruit of the Spirit) help us in our spiritual growth and discernment?

8. How might this contrast between the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit help us understand the nature of Christian freedom and living by the Spirit?

9. What practical advice would you give a young believer who becomes aware of a work of the flesh manifesting in his or her life?

10. What are some practical ways we can cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in our lives?