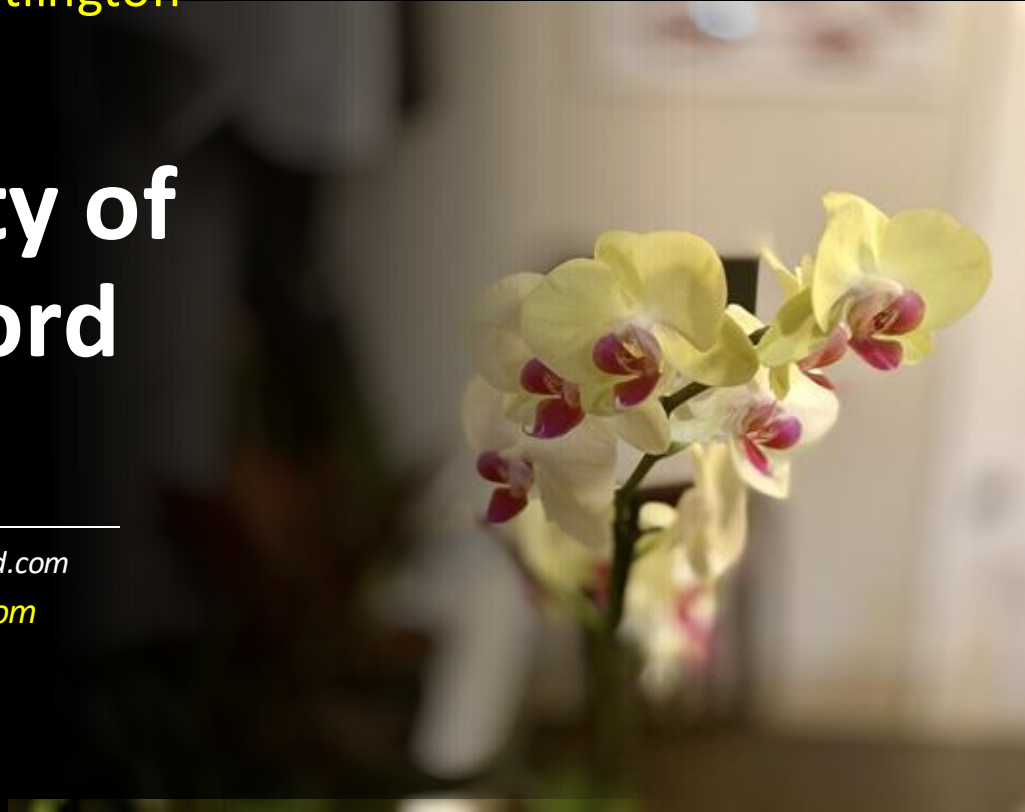


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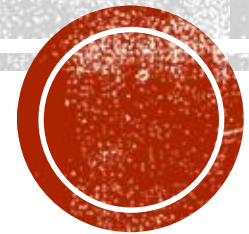
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He That has an Ear, Let Him Hear, What the Spirit Says to the Churches

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT



So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. Galatians 5:16

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- **Galatians 5:22-23** “But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control**. Against such things there is no law.”
 - What does it mean to “Walk in the Spirit”
 - How do we know if we are “Walking in the Spirit”
- **Why should we desire to walk in the Spirit**
 - Freedom from Bondage (*What are we in bondage to?*)
- **What is the difference between walking in the spirit and just being a good person or good citizen?**
 - “For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt **love** thy neighbor as thyself”. (Galatians 5:20)
 - “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye **love** one another with a pure heart fervently” (1Peter 1:22)

THE COMPLETENESS OF LOVE

Upward View

Enrich our relationship with God

Love

Self-Sacrificing

Joy

Great happiness or pleasure

Peace

Internal peace and peace with others

Fellowship with God

1 Peter 1 : Called by God (2-3) | God is Holy (16) |
Incorruptible (23) | Endures Forever (25)

The 10 Commandments

- I. *You shall have no other gods before Me.*
- II. *You shall not make for yourself a carved image.*
- III. *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*
- IV. *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

Love God

The Law – Exodus 20

Holiness - 1 Pet 1:22

Fellowship – 1 John 1:1-7

Spiritual Fruit – Gal 1:22-23

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Outward View

Enrich our relationship with Others

Patience

Slow to Anger

Kindness

Acts of love and generosity,

Goodness

Acting in ways that are pure and right

Fellowship with one another

1 Peter 1 :22 Love for the Brethren

- VI. *You shall not murder.*
- VII. *You shall not commit adultery.*
- VIII. *You shall not steal.*
- IX. *You shall not bear false witness.*
- X. *You shall not covet.*

Inward View

Enrich our relationship with Self

Faithfulness

Trustworthiness

Gentleness

An attitude of humility

Self-Control

Discipline

Walk in the Light

1 Peter 1:13-14 Obedient Children

V. *Honor your father and your mother.*

Love Yourself

Love Others

Love God with all thy Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength; Love your Neighbor as Thyself

Duet 6:5 | Mark 12:29-31 | Matt 22:37

WALKING IN LOVE

- Love is the foundation of all the other fruits. Without love, the rest lose their meaning.
- *"The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit." (Romans 5:5)*
- What This Looks Like in Daily Life:
 - Loving difficult people
 - Choosing forgiveness over bitterness
 - Serving without expecting reward
 - Loving even when it costs you

Love is the fruit that proves we truly belong to Christ

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- Peace is inner rest that comes from trusting God completely.
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- This peace does not deny problems—it stands firm in the midst of them.
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Peace is evidence that the heart is anchored in God

WALKING IN PATIENCE

- Patience means enduring difficulties and people without resentment.
- *"The Lord is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish." (2 Peter 3:9)*
- What This Looks Like in Daily Life:
 - Patience with slow progress
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WALKING IN KINDNESS

- Kindness is love in action. It is a gentle concern for others, shown in words and deeds. Kindness reflects the heart of God, who treats us better than we deserve.
- *"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted." (Ephesians 4:32)*
- What This Looks Like in Daily Life:
 - Gentle speech
 - Compassionate actions
 - Thoughtful consideration

A kind spirit opens doors that force never can

WALKING IN GOODNESS

- Goodness goes beyond kindness. It is moral excellence and integrity rooted in God's nature. Goodness chooses what is right, even when no one is watching.
- *"Taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psalm 34:8)*
- What This Looks Like in Daily Life:
 - Honesty
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Goodness reflects God's holiness expressed through love

WALKING IN FAITHFULNESS

- Faithfulness is being trustworthy, dependable, and consistent. Faithfulness reflects God's unchanging nature.
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- What This Looks Like in Daily Life:
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 - Loyalty in service

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WALKING IN GENTLENESS

- Gentleness is not weakness. It is a strength under control.
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- Gentleness handles people with care, even when correction is needed.
- What This Looks Like in Daily Life:
 - Humility
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 - Respect for others

Gentleness reflects Christ's heart

WALKING IN SELF-CONTROL

- Self-control is the Spirit-given ability to govern desires rather than be ruled by them. Self-control protects spiritual fruit from being destroyed.
- *"Like a city broken down... is a man who lacks self-control." (Proverbs 25:28)*
- What This Impacts in Daily Life:
 - Speech
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