

LIFE IN THE WORD

SERIES:

GET IN STEP!

(WALK IN THE SPIRIT)

**LESSON FIVE:
CHARACTER MATTERS**

**IF WE LIVE IN THE SPIRIT, LET
US ALSO WALK IN THE SPIRIT.**

GALATIANS 5:25

SCRIPTURE LESSON:
GALATIANS 5:22-23

GALATIANS 5:22-23, "BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW."

**“CHARACTER IS LIKE A TREE AND REPUTATION IS LIKE
A SHADOW. THE SHADOW IS WHAT WE THINK OF IT;
THE TREE IS THE REAL THING.”**

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

**“CHARACTER IS WHO YOU ARE, YOUR
REPUTATION IS WHO PEOPLE THINK
YOU ARE.”**

**CHRISTIANITY ISN'T PRIMARILY
ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING FOR
GOD, IT'S ALSO ABOUT WHO
YOU'RE BECOMING.**

**HOW CAN THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
GROW IN MY LIFE?**

**THREE WAYS THE FRUIT OF THE
SPIRIT CAN GROW IN YOUR LIFE:**

**1. STAY FOCUSED ON WHAT GOD
WANTS TO DO INSIDE OF YOU.**

**MATTHEW 23:25-25, "WOE TO YOU,
TEACHERS OF THE LAW AND PHARISEES,
YOU HYPOCRITES! YOU CLEAN THE OUTSIDE
OF THE CUP AND DISH, BUT INSIDE THEY
ARE FULL OF GREED AND SELF-INDULGENCE.
BLIND PHARISEE! FIRST CLEAN THE INSIDE
OF THE CUP AND DISH, AND THEN THE
OUTSIDE ALSO WILL BE CLEAN."**

**TRANSFORMATION BEGINS WITHIN
AND WORKS ITS WAY OUT.**

2. DON'T JUST "PICK YOUR FAVORITES."

**THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS
FORMATIONAL FIRST AND THEN IT
BECOMES RELATIONAL.**

**3. REMEMBER THAT GROWTH
TAKES TIME AND EFFORT.**

**FIVE REASONS WHY IT TAKES TIME AND
EFFORT:**

- 1. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS A PROCESS**
- 2. REQUIRES CONSISTENT EFFORT**
- 3. INVOLVES OVERCOMING CHALLENGES**
- 4. YIELDING TO THE SPIRIT**
- 5. KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE**

**GOD IS 100% COMMITTED TO YOUR
SANCTIFICATION.**

TWO POINTS ABOUT FRUIT:

- 1. FRUIT IS GOOD FOR YOU**
- 2. FRUIT CARRIES THE SEED OF MORE FRUIT IN IT.**

**“BE CAREFUL WHAT SEEDS YOU
ALLOW TO TAKE ROOT IN THE
GARDEN OF YOUR HEART. NOT
ALL SEEDS BEAR GOOD FRUIT.”**