

August 5, 2012

Teaching Outline
Becoming Like Jesus
Week 10

The fruit of _____

Gal 5:22-23 (NLT) ²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.

How _____ is my moral character with that of _____?

Romans 8:29 (NLT) ²⁹ For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son...

2 Cor 3:18 (NLT) ... And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

NLT Hebrews 4:15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same temptations we do, yet he did not sin.

How can we become _____ morally consistent?

NIV Leviticus 19:2 "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.'

One. By living in _____

NLT Luke 16:13 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Matt 7:13-14 (NLT) ¹³ "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way.¹⁴ But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it.

NLT Luke 9:62 ..., "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."

NLT Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must put aside your selfish ambition, shoulder your cross, and follow me.

Two. God is not an " _____ " that I use when I have a _____ for Him!

John 15:4-5 (NLT) Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

Three. We live holy lives by _____ our _____.

NLT Mark 7:21-23 For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, eagerness for lustful pleasure, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. ²³ All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you and make you unacceptable to God."

Prov 4:23 (NLT) Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

NLT Matthew 12:33 "A tree is identified by its fruit. Make a tree good, and its fruit will be good. Make a tree bad, and its fruit will be bad.

NLT Proverbs 14:12 There is a path before each person that seems right, but it ends in death.

Prayer...

Dear Lord... I **repent of and release from** my heart and mind, ... all moral inconsistency, double-mindedness, rebellion, and self-directed living.

Lord... I **submit** to your pruning to remove anything that displeases you and is harmful to me

And I **receive into** my heart and mind... not only your forgiveness, but also Your healing, cleansing, and empowering Holy Spirit. Empower me to be morally consistent every day of my life. Amen.