

Displaying the Fruit of the Spirit in your life

Galatians 5:22-23



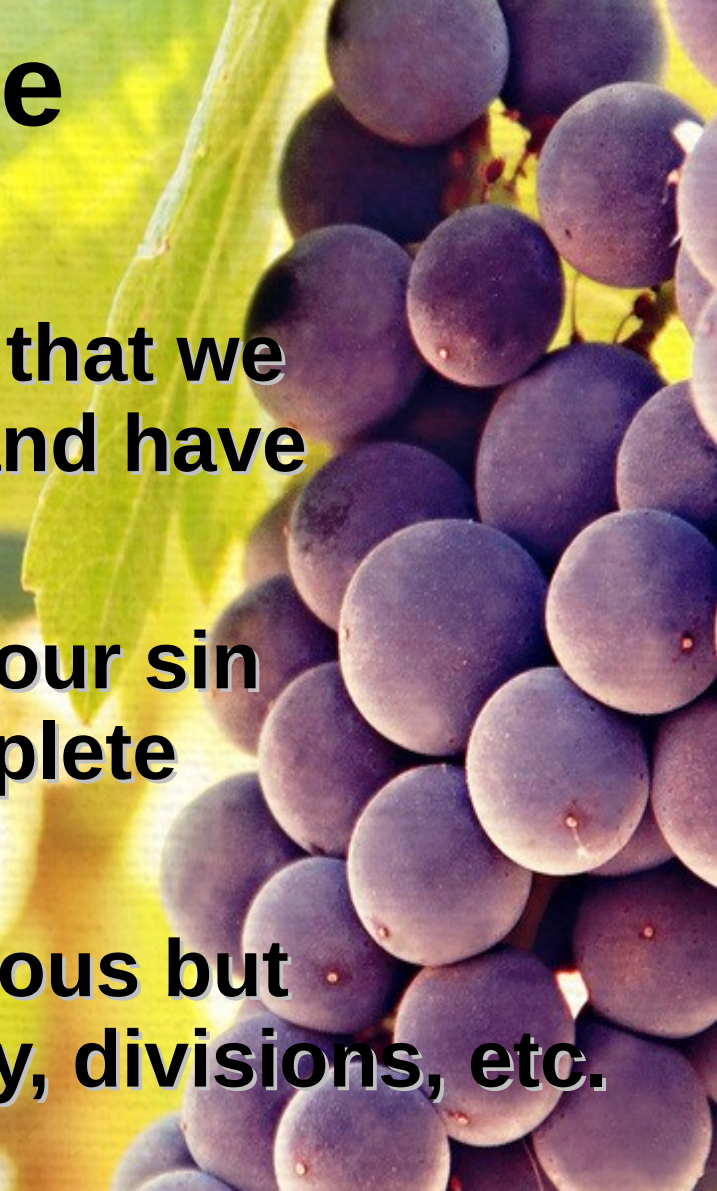
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- **What a wonderful topic and a humbling challenge!**
- **The challenge being to live a life that more resembles the fruit of the Spirit rather than the works of the flesh listed in the previous verses.**
- **The disheartening thing is that we, more often than we like, succumb to these fleshly works.**



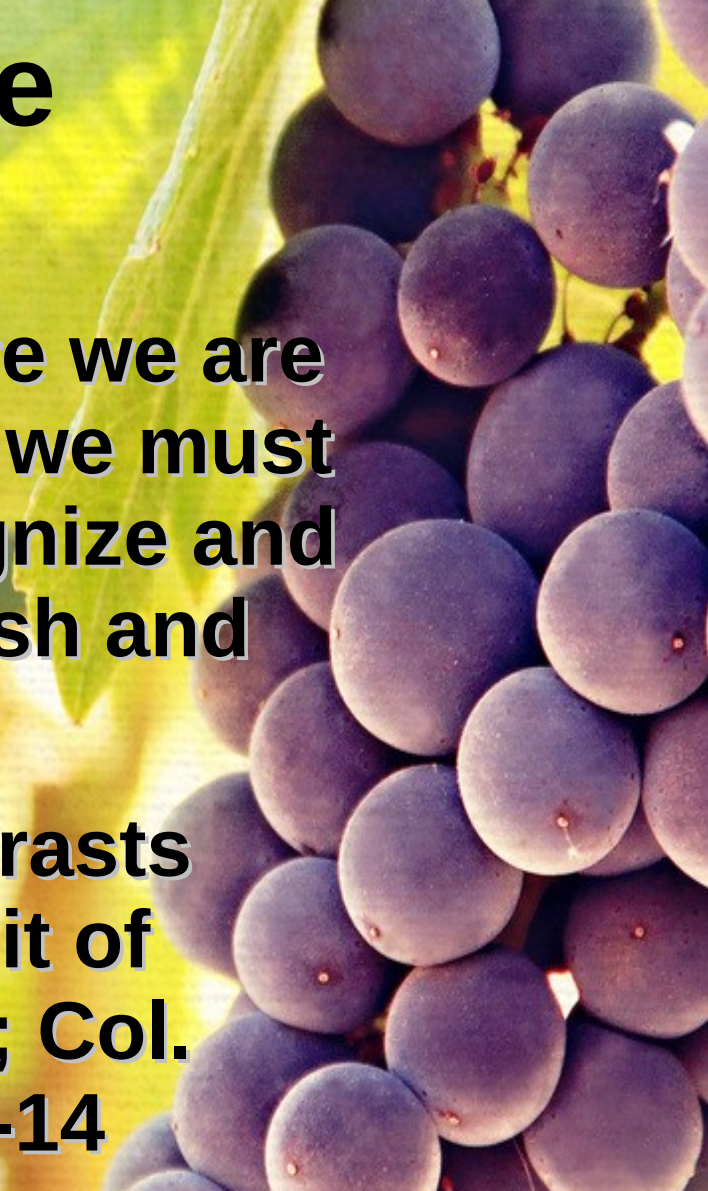
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- A more frightening proposition is that we are guilty of these fleshly works and have become less aware of it.
- We have become desensitized to our sin and even in some cases to a complete lack of recognition of it.
- Some of these sins are more obvious but what about idolatry, envy, jealousy, divisions, etc.

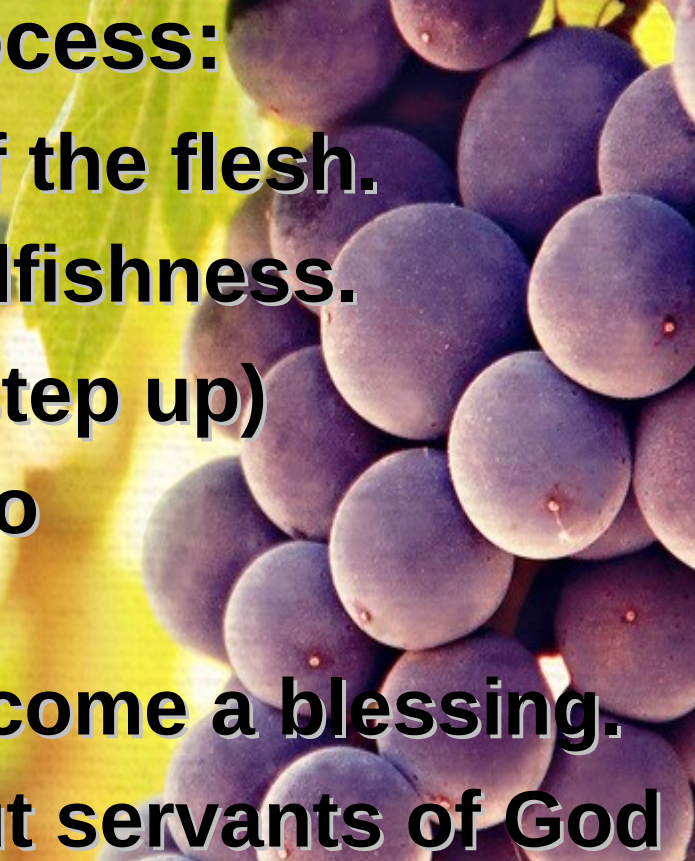


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- Before we can get to a point where we are manifesting the fruit of the Spirit, we must get to a point where we can recognize and acknowledge the things of the flesh and then put them to death.- Col. 3:5
- Paul, in several of his letters contrasts the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. For ex. Eph. 4:17-5:21; Col. 3:5-15; I Thess. 4:1-12; Rom. 13:8-14



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- There are two phases in this process:
 - PHASE 1-Suppress the works of the flesh.
 - This involves a break from selfishness.
 - PHASE 2- Start bearing fruit (a step up)
 - This involves a commitment to selflessness/graciousness.
 - We change our behaviors, become a blessing.
 - We are not pawns of Satan but servants of God
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- Displaying the fruit of the Spirit looks like:
- **GALATIANS 6:1-10**
- **ROMANS 12:9-21**
- **PHILIPPIANS 2:1-5**
- **EPHESIANS 4:24-32**

