

Living a Fruitful Life
Galatians 5:16-26

Main Point:

Since a fruitful life comes only from the Holy Spirit, cooperate with Him diligently and dependently.

1. The fruit of the Spirit represent a fruitful life.
2. A fruitful life does not come naturally to you as a sinner.
3. A fruitful life is supernaturally produced for you by the Holy Spirit.
4. A fruitful life requires your diligent and dependent cooperation.

Philip Ryken “The fruit of the Spirit is one whole spiritual life, that is rooted in the one Spirit of God.”

1 Peter 2:11 11 Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, (NKJV)

Philip Ryken “The only thing the sinful nature can produce is an unchaste, unholy, uncharitable, and undisciplined life.”

Jerry Bridges “These godly qualities are not something we can manufacture, take pride in, or lay claim to as self-generated. Rather, they are the work of God, and their source is God alone.”

Philip Ryken “The fruit of the Spirit is the natural produce of his gracious inward influence, the spontaneous and inevitable result of his uniting us to Jesus Christ. It will take time to grow, but grow it must, for God will make it grow. What we are to do in the meantime is cultivate this spiritual fruit.”

John Brown “True Christians ... do not succeed in completely destroying [the flesh] while here below; but they have fixed it to the Cross, and they are determined to keep it there till it expire.”

Philippians 2:12-13 12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure. (NKJV)