



"Trait #4: Spiritless"

Day 1

Our goal this week in devotions is how not to be or become Spiritless. " And because you are son's (daughters) God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, " Abba Father!" (Galatians 4:6)

Read Galatians 5:16-26 key vs (25);

What do you think "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." means?

Ask yourself how can one walk in the Spirit? Now lets start our journey for the week and find out together!

Read John 14:15-18,23-24 (When you have time, read the whole chp.)

What is one thing that sticks out to you in verses 15 & 23?

Just a note: If you are one that finds it hard to understand scripture, don't worry. Jesus sent the Holy Spirit into our hearts to teach us and guide us into all Truth. (Which means the Spirit, which wrote the bible, lives in you! So just ask for help. Ask believing He will help you and He will)

Finally, read 1 Samuel 15:22-23;

What do you understand to be of most importance in God's eyes according to these verses? How can you walk out in that today?

Are you beginning to see? The vs' you read today should start putting it together..... To walk in the Spirit is to obey God's Words. **It's not how much you know about the bible, it's obeying what you do know!**

May God bless you this day and open your eyes to understand His word, and give you the strength and discipline to obey it.



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Day 2

Read Matthew chapter 23; (taking note of verses 1-3);

Can you pick out in this chapter why Jesus told the multitudes not to do as the teachers of the Law do?

Pay attention to the 7 "woe's" (7 areas Jesus was correcting the teachers of the law in) starting in vs. 13

You see, going through the motions (like going to church, reading your bible, praying), these things are all important. But these things in themselves is not enough. Why?

What was it that the teachers of the Law lacked?

Jesus calls them hypocrites! You see outwardly they appeared righteous to man. (They faithfully went to the synagogues, they fasted, prayed, studied the Scriptures relentlessly). But their hearts were corrupt. (full of greed, self-indulgence, arrogance, and all sorts of wickedness).

So what's the answer? Yesterday we learned we need to be obedient to God's Word. If we are, this should cause a chain reaction in our hearts and minds alllowing the Holy Spirit to produce good fruit within us. For this to happen, we need to make ourselves available to Him (allowing Him to show us through His word or our church, family and prayer, things He may want to prune out of our lives, such as: Bad habits, worldly lifestyles, etc.

What need's pruning in your life? read John 15:1-8



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Day 3

Recap:

1. Be obedient to Scripture
2. Make yourself available (for God to prune unwanted things out of your life)

Read Matthew 5:14-16;

What do you think vs. 16 means and what light is He talking about?

Read Matthew 6:19-34;

How does verses 22-23 tie in with verses 25-34?

Now read Luke 8:14;

The light that is in you is the goodness of God. Your eye, in Matthew 6:22-23, is your perception of life and where you place your focus (do you see the cup half full, or half empty. In other words are you pessimistic or optimistic. Are you looking at life's circumstances or the situation you are in, or are you looking and placing your faith in God?) And if "the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness" means are you letting the good seed that is in you, be choked out by the cares of this world? Hence, producing no fruit....

Which brings us back to John 15:1-4

How is your eye (focus)?



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Day 4

Recap:

1. Be obedient to God's Word
2. Make yourself available (for God's pruning)
3. Stay focused on HIM

Read Ephesians 2:1-3;

Everyone of us can do a "fruit check " on ourselves. To make sure we are bearing good fruit. (This is important to do on a regular basis)

Read Matthew 7:15-27; (This passage starts off speaking of false teachers, but can apply to anyone) **Key vs. 16 "you will know them by their fruits.'** (in your own time, deeply contemplate the other verses here)

Do you ever examine yourself?

Lets check out the fruits of the flesh. Read Galatians 5:19-21;

Were any of these fruits at work in you when you once walked according to "the prince of the power of the air" as stated in Ephesians 2?

Are any still at work in you?

Reread Matthew 7:24-26; (We've come full circle now! Back to obeying the scriptures that we do know) **What is your foundation made of?**



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Day 5

Yesterday we looked at daily examining ourselves (doing a fruit check). We looked at the fruits of the flesh. Now lets take a look at the **fruits of the Spirit**.

Read Galatians 5:22-26;

Do you see any of these "fruits" in you?

Don't be discouraged if you don't have them all. Maybe you only have one or two.

Remember: We grow from "faith to faith" meaning everyone grows at a different pace.... and these traits may take your entire lifetime to gain. Oftentime they are gained only through life's struggles and hardships.

Take note to verse. 24; How many times have you read "the fruits of the spirit", but never payed attention to this verse?

Remember: Romans 12:1,2;

How does that fit with verse 24?

"therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord... Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you".. "If we live in the Spirit let us also walk in the Spirit"