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Summer Fruit



- It is called the Fruit of the **Spirit** not the Fruit of **Well Intentioned Individuals**

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- Self Control – to have **power**, strength or **dominion** over ones self, strong self **restraint**
 - The fruit of the Spirit is the very **nature** of **God**

Matthew 26:59-64

⁵⁹ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰ But they did not find any, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward ⁶¹ and declared, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.'" ⁶² Then the high priest stood up and said to Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God." ⁶⁴ "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."

- He could have acted from His **humanity** in **self defense**
- He could have acted out of His **deity** in **righteousness**

Proverbs 25:28

*Like a city whose walls are broken through
is a person who lacks self-control.*

- Self control is **crucial** for the development of **all** the other fruit of the Spirit

Romans 7:18-19

¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

- I want to do the **right** thing but I **can't** seem to do it
- What I do is the **evil** that I do not want to do
- I am a **mess** without Jesus

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

- The **grace** of God teaches us to say **no** to sin and lived self controlled lives
- He wants us to be people who are **eager** to do what is **good**
- When we begin to **understand** the Grace of God, the things that we **should** do become the things we **want** to do