

## “Fruit in the Middle of the Mess”

*“...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control..”*

Galatians 5:22-23

→We can’t understand the ministry of **Jesus** apart from the ministry of **the Holy Spirit**.

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Is the Holy Spirit **honored** or **ignored**?

→The first **appearance** of the Spirit:

*“the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface [chaos]...”*

Genesis 1:2

The Spirit’s fruit is:

1) **Organic**

2) **Inevitable**

### 3) **Symmetrical**

-Concatenated

### 4) More **Quiet** than **Flashy**

Steps to grow fruit:

→ Don't just focus on the **fruit of the Spirit**,  
but **the Spirit** that produces the fruit.

*"But I say, walk by the Spirit..."*

Galatians 5:16

*"If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit."* Galatians 5:25

→ Be **attentive and responsive** to the  
Spirit's leading.

*"And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit...was led by the Spirit into  
wilderness..."*

Luke 4:1

In quiet times...

In the middle of the mess...

→ Don't treat the Holy Spirit as a **guest**:  
treat him as a **resident**.