



#1 "Not More Spirituality"

What Our World Needs Now Is _____ ? [Fill In Your Answer]

"Jesus Is Arguably The Most Prominent Spiritual Leader That Ever Lived, Yet He Never Once Mentions "Spirituality" Or Being "Spiritual."

- Jesus Doesn't Invite Us Towards Spirituality, He Invites Us To MATURITY

But you are to be perfect τέλειος, even as your Father in heaven is perfect Matthew 5:48 [NLT]

Perfect = τέλειος Tailios – complete/mature

- Spirituality Without Maturity Leads To HYPOCRISY

"Spirituality Is Vague And Undefinable; Maturity Is Very Definable And Observable."

This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature τέλειος in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Ephesians 4:13 [NLT]

"The Fruit of The Spirit Are Virtues Produced In And Through Us By Another Agent, Other Than Ourselves."

- The Fruit Of The Spirit Is The Visible EVIDENCE Of Our Submission To The Work of God, The Holy Spirit Within Us.

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him. [Phil 2:13]

What Our World Needs Now Are Jesus Followers Who Are Led By And Walking In The HOLY SPIRIT [Galatians 5: 16-25]

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions

and desires.²If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Galatians 5:17-25

*"All Of The Attributes Of The Fruit Of The Spirit Are Available
To All Believers, At All Times"*

Characteristic of Fruit:

- Fruit Isn't produced By Working, It Is Produced By ABIDING
- Fruit Is TANGIBLE
- Fruit REPRODUCES Itself.
- Fruit Is ATTRACTIVE
- Fruit NOURISHES

LOVE [Agape] Is the Foundational Attribute from Which All The Others Flow

"Agape - is not simply an emotion which rises unbidden in our hearts; it is a principle by which we deliberately live." ~William Barclay~

Life Group Questions

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- How would you differentiate between spirituality and maturity?
- Have you encountered people who are vocal about their spirituality but lack maturity?
- Paul wrote this in Galatians 5:25: "[Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.](#)"
What do you think he meant by "keep in step with"?
- As you mature, which of these would be most noticeable to those closest to you? "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."
- As you look at that list again, which are you most interested in hearing about in the coming weeks?
Why?
- Considering the idea of "less me, more we," in what area of your life (work, family, friendships, etc.) could you put that into practice? Share a specific situation.

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