

The Naz Church Message Notes

Same Power: Fruit of the Spirit

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Last week Pastor David spoke powerfully on how we need to nail the Acts of the Flesh to the Cross if we want a chance at living a life filled with the Fruit of the Spirit. The Acts of the Flesh need to be crucified, but that is only part of the solution.

Growing up, I heard plenty about what I was NOT supposed to do as a Christian and not enough about what my life should look like. Even the things I was supposed to do seemed like work... Or a task list of to-dos or Christian chores.

The Fruit of the Spirit.

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| - Love | - Patience | - Faithfulness |
| - Joy | - Kindness | - Gentleness |
| - Peace | - Goodness | - Self-control |

These are not multiple choice. . . But they also are not necessarily grown overnight, or in an instant.

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| - What do I do to live in the fruit of the Spirit? | - Investigate my relationships. |
| - Invite the holy spirit to lead. | - Initiate proper boundaries. |

They are grown by “abiding in the Holy Spirit.”

[John 15:4](#) (NLT)

- Jesus speaks this of himself, but I want to remind everyone, in case you weren't here a few weeks ago, or for those who weren't there, let you know.
- *The Holy Spirit did not come to take the place of Christ's absence. He came to ensure his presence.* – H. Ray Dunning

The way we abide in Christ is by spending time with the Holy Spirit.

- Spending Time Reading the Bible
 - Listening to the Holy Spirit or giving the Holy Spirit content to bring back to your memory later.
- Spending Time in Prayer
 - Speaking to a friend who understands your language, but you can't always necessarily understand theirs.
- Serving Others
 - Whenever you have done it for the least of these, you have done it for me.
- Practicing Generosity
 - When we are generous, we are living the heart of God.
- Building Relationships with Others Who Reflect the Fruit of the Spirit
 - You become like your 5 closest friends.

Does the Holy Spirit make your Top 5?

- The Fruit of the Spirit needs to be cultivated.