

9 Indicators of Authentic Relationships
Galatians 5:22-23

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self-Control

To Go

1. Eagerly invite the Holy Spirit to continue working and developing the Fruit of the Spirit in you.
2. Ask God to reveal to you those relationships that are lacking the Fruit of the Spirit.
3. If I were honest, I would say the fruit that is most lacking in my life is _____.
4. Memorize Galatians 5:22-23.
5. Show kindness this week by doing something intentional in Jesus name, regardless of the cost or consequence to self.
6. Seek forgiveness from those who got a taste of your bad fruit.

At Home Study Guide

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Quick Review

So far in the REAL message series we have looked at relying on God, empty of self, and now authentic relationships. Nine indicators in Galatians 5:22-23 give us feedback on the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. When we trust Jesus as our Savior, the Holy Spirit takes up residence within us to transform us into who God wants us to be. We are no longer under the authority of the Law. In Christ we are set free to live in obedience under the rule and authority of grace. As the Spirit works in our hearts by giving us new desires we begin to see fruit that looks like Jesus. Paul’s summary of the Spirit’s fruit in Galatians 5:22-23 stands in stark contrast to the fruit born of the flesh. Authentic relationships give us opportunity to celebrate the work of the Spirit so that we more and more look like Jesus.

How has the REAL message series had an impact on your life so far? Do you find the acronym helpful?

Read all of Galatians 5 and summarize the logic. Why is freedom such an important theme in chapter 5? What does it mean to be free (5:1, 13)?

Galatians 5:22-23 serve as a contrast to 5:19-21 and 5:26. How might focusing on the works of the Spirit help you to live in authentic relationship with others?

Romans 8 helps us understand how the Spirit is working in our lives to make us more like Jesus. Having studied Galatians 5, what stands out to you in Romans 8 about living in authentic relationship?

In Philippians 3:7, Paul speaks of all of his “good works” being as loss compared to the surpassing joy found in Jesus. How does this serve to encourage you in your faith walk of trusting Jesus?

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