

THE SPIRIT: Dynamic Partnership

As preached on Sunday, February 20th

Read: Galatians 5:16-25

1. In vv.19-21 we are presented with a list of vices... “acts of the sinful nature.” Does this list seem out of date, or is it a current reflection of our world today?
2. In v.21 we are told that “those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.” What does this mean? Where do grace and forgiveness fit into all of this?
3. Verses 22-23 present us with a list of virtues... “the fruit of the Spirit.” Is this list still relevant to our living today? Do you believe there are additional “fruits” that aren’t listed here? Why, or why not?
4. What is the significance, if any, of calling the virtues “fruit” and the vices “acts”?
5. Why is it insufficient to simply turn this list of spiritual fruit into a To-Do list? How successful would we be if we tried? What is the connection between v.17 and the struggle we sometimes have in exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit in our lives?
6. Re-read v.16. What does it say about our part to play in all of this?
7. Re-read v.25. What does it say about our part to play in all of this? Is there a difference between what v.16 and v.25 are describing? If so, what is the significance of that difference?
8. If it’s not all up to us, and it’s not all up to the Spirit, describe how you think this dynamic partnership works in our day-to-day living.