

**Illustration: “A Bag of Fruit”**

- “What’s your favorite fruit?” (write down characteristics of each fruit)
- These are all individual fruit, but each one has many qualities and characteristics

**Galatians 5:22-23**

- The fruit of the Spirit – One fruit with many qualities and characteristics
- When you receive the seed of Jesus, it plants, grows, and bears a spiritual fruit with certain qualities
- Love, joy, peace, longsuffering (forbearance, patience), gentleness, goodness (kindness), faith (faithfulness), meekness, temperance (self-control)
- The Amplified version really reveals the first secret, “But the fruit of the Spirit [**the result of His presence within us**] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

**The Open Door to Spirit Led Living**

- This is your year to walk through the open door to a relationship with God where He really is first, His Spirit is leading you, your hearing His voice, and you’re growing and walking in His ways
- Have you ever lived in such a way that you knew God was guiding your steps, every day?
- Have you ever walked through life with the confidence that God was before you?
- The Psalm 23 Life (talk through Psalm 23)
- I don’t know where your spiritual life was last year or even your whole life, but God’s got an open door before you into a walk with Him that is fulfilling, dynamic, and real

**5 Things on Spirit- Led Living**

- Galatians 5:1, 7-9     Stand firm, never go back – Maintain your freedom, don’t allow leaven (13-15)
- Galatians 5:16-21   Walk in the Spirit & don’t gratify the flesh – Say yes to the Spirit & no to flesh
- Galatians 5:22-24   Belong to Jesus & Crucify the flesh
- Galatians 5:25       Keep in step with the Spirit – Consult and follow Him daily “step by step”
- Galatians 5:26       Maintain your freedom by not allowing leaven – Maintain your spirituality by not allowing pride, jealousy, or mindsets about yourself and each other