**Fruit or Consequence**

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Gal 5:13 NKJV - For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty **as an opportunity** **for the flesh**, but through love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! 16 I say then: **Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh**. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**

Rick Renner“When the sap is in the tree it will come out in fruit”.

*Then what is the problem?*

Rom 6:23 …the wages of sin is death.

Prov 13:15… the way of the transgressor is hard [like the barren, dry soil -AMP

John 15:1-5 amp I AM the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. 2 Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit. 3 You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the word which I have given you [the teachings I have discussed with you]. 4 Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself **without abiding** in (being vitally united to) the vine, **neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me**. 5 I am the Vine; you are the branches**. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.**

Deut 30:19-219 kjv I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: 20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days

**FRUIT will leave seeds for generations**

**Consequences can leave HARD WORK for generations**

**Love:** the HIGHEST LEVEL love, Agape, a love that is compelled to action, a no strings attached love, a love that holds such a view of someone that nothing can turn them away. Not circumstantial. A decided love. A chosen love. The God kind of love.

**Joy:** High level joy, supernatural joy, superior to happiness joy, joy that sustains us and gives us strength particularly in hard times. Enduring joy. Joy that defies pressure. Gladness, calm delight.

**Peace**: High level peace, beyond circumstances, wholeness, completeness, tranquility, inner stability, quietness, rest, dominating peace, the ability to conduct ourselves calmly

**Longsuffering:** like a candle with a long wick, ability to have enduring commitment, willingness to wait while people change –are dealt with-struggle or fail, the ability to suffer long….patiently, staying power, slowness in avenging wrongs

**Kindness:** gentleness, considerate, adaptable for the good of others, approachable demeanor, serviceable

**Goodness:** the supernatural urge in a person to reach beyond themselves to meet the natural needs of others. Generous, big hearted, philanthropist, not based on emotions

**Faithfulness:** trusty worthy, reliable, loyal, devoted, not looking for a way out

**Gentleness:** meekness, strong willed person who has learned to submit their will to something better, humble, the will under control, submitted strength

 **self-control:** temperance, strength to control ourselves, restraint, moderation, discipline, balance, can bring oneself into order, can say yes-no, can stop-go

What am I cultivating? The thoughts of the flesh or thoughts of the spirit?