



Sermon Notes – Steve Southards – 03/17/2024

John 15:4-5 NLT

Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.”

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Love: selfless, sacrificial love for others.

Joy: is a deep sense of contentment and gladness that comes from a relationship with God.

Peace: peace with God and peace from God and its living in harmony with others.

Patience: being slow to anger with yourself and others.

Kindness: friendly, generous, and considerate towards others, in word and deed.

Goodness: is about moral excellence, high character and integrity.

Faithfulness: is about loyalty, reliability, dependability and trustworthiness in your commitments to tasks and relationships with others.

Gentleness: it's the Godly use of power.

Self-Control: The ability to say no to the things you want to say yes to.

John 14:15-17 NLT

“If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn’t looking for him and doesn’t recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.”

Seek Him for who He is, not just the gifts He gives.

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“Seek first the Giver, and the gifts will take care of themselves. For He is the Gift.”

Experience the Spirit within you.

John 7:37 NLT

On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’”

John 7:38-39 NLT

(When he said “living water,” he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him.)