



**On the Outside Looking in:
What do people see?**

Sunday, January 16th, 10 a.m.
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2 Corinthians 3:2-3

“Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. 3 Christ himself wrote it — not with ink, but with God’s living Spirit; not chiseled into stone, but carved into human lives —”

Theme: You and I are the only Gospel some people will ever see. #1 evidence of the Christian life is the Fruit of the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 6:6-7

6 We prove ourselves by our purity, our understanding, our patience, our kindness, by the Holy Spirit within us, and by our sincere love. (NLT)

Where Do We Get The Power to Change?

Galatians 5:22-23

Loving	Joyful	Peaceful
Patient	Kind	Good
Faithful	Gentle	Self-controlled

I. God wants us to _____ in every area.

- a. By being _____.
- b. By Yielding to the _____.

II. Real change is a _____ not a destination.

- a. **Justification** –
- b. **Sanctification** –

Philippians 1:6

“And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.”

NOTE: Most of the fruit you eat in this life are not the kind that just appear on the ground; the most fruit you have in your life is the fruit that it is cultivated, nurtured...intentional growth.

III. The Fruit of the Spirit is like a multi-Vitamin

- a. one pill but many necessary ingredients.

IV. Prepare your heart to _____ from His Word.

2 Chronicles 12:14

“And he did evil because he did not prepare his heart to seek the Lord.” (NKJV)

The world, our culture, dumps its message, attitude on us
24/7/365

Hebrews 12:1

“...Let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.”

V. _____ ever aspect of the Fruit of the Spirit

Philippians 4:9

“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.