

CULTIVATING NECESSARY ATTITUDES

GALATIANS 5:5, 16, 19-23 // PASTOR TODD DUGARD
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Having a home that is awesome, which is God's plan for you, requires you to cultivate necessary attitudes by first determining, "This is a Jesus home!" (Gal5:5) then committing to keep God at the centre (Gal5:16) and thus, your home looks different than others (Gal5:19-21) because it is producing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control (Gal5:22-23).

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What's contributed to the general belief about Jesus in your home?
- How do you encourage a positive family attitude about worshiping God together?
- Why does God charge believing parents with the responsibility of setting the spiritual and relational tone for the entire family? (See Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Malachi 2:15, Ephesians 6:4, Titus 1:6 for some context).
- Galatians 5:16 says that when you walk by the Spirit you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. Aside from individualized practices, how do the members of your household walk *together* in the Spirit?
- What do some believing families change their attitude about Jesus and eventually spend less time worshipping or serving the church together?
- What does Paul mean by "gratify the flesh"?
- Read Galatians 5:19-21. Why do these self-gratifying behaviours result in spiritual insecurity, i.e., wondering if you are saved? Does this behaviour cause insecurity within our families, i.e., wondering if we are acceptable to the people we live with?

On the next page you'll find the chart used in the sermon to explain the fruit of the spirit. Use the chart to help you a) recognize and give thanks for attitudes that are present in your home, b) identify areas where you're experiencing the opposite of what God wants, and c) confess and repent from attitudes that are counterfeit to the fruit of the Spirit.

- Why does Paul say there is no law against love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control?

CHART

The Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23—Tim Keller			
Fruit	Definition	Opposite	Counterfeit
Love <i>agapē</i>	To serve a person for their good and intrinsic value, not for what the person brings you	Fear: self-protection and abusing people	Selfish affection. Attracted to a person, treat them well because of how, they make you feel about yourself
Joy <i>chara</i>	Delight in God for sheer beauty and worth of who he is	Hopelessness, despair	Elation that comes with experiencing blessings not the Blessor! Mood swings based on circumstances
Peace <i>irenē</i>	Confidence and rest in the wisdom and sovereignty of God more than your own	Anxiety and worry	Indifference, apathy, "I don't care"
Patience <i>makrothumia</i>	Ability to take trouble (from others or life) without blowing up or hitting back	Resentment toward God and others	Cynicism, lack of caring, "This is too small to be bothered about"
Kindness <i>chrestotes</i>	Practical kindness with vulnerability out of deep inner security	Envy, unable to rejoice in another's joy	Manipulative good deeds, doing good for others so I can congratulate myself and feel I am good enough for God and others
Goodness; Integrity <i>agathosunē</i>	Honesty, transparency, being the same in one situation as another	Phoniness, hypocrisy	Truth without love, "getting it off the chest" for your own sake
Faithfulness <i>pistis</i>	Loyalty, courage, committed, utterly reliable, true to one's word	Opportunist, fair-weather friend	Love without truth. being loyal when you should be willing to confront or challenge
Gentleness; Humility <i>prautas</i>	Self-forgetfulness	Superiority: self-absorbed self-aggrandizement	Inferiority: self-consciousness
Self-control <i>egkrateia</i>	Ability to choose the important over the urgent	A driven, impulsive, uncontrolled person	Willpower based on pride, the need to feel in control