

# What Happens When We Live God's Way?

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- [ 0 : 00 ]     The 13th of January. What happens when we live God's way? And the Bible verse, if we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
- Galatians 5.25 I've tried to grow tomatoes, but the fruit I got for my efforts looked nothing like the fruit on the label that came with the young plants.
- Mine were poor specimens. God does not want us to be poor specimens as Christians, and the Holy Spirit has been given us to help us to develop a really fruitful Christian character that will truly look like the real thing.
- We read about this in Galatians 5.22-24. There we read what the fruit of the Spirit will look like in your life and mine when we ask for the Spirit's help.
- The end result will be a life that becomes more and more pleasing to God because it becomes more and more like the life of Jesus Christ.
- [ 1 : 35 ]     That's what the Holy Spirit wants us to develop. The life he wants in us is one dominated by love, both towards God and other people.
- It's a life full of joy and peace, both gifts left by Christ among his people when he ascended to heaven. My joy, my peace, I leave with you, said Jesus in John 14.27 and 15.12.
- Patience, goodness and gentleness show the way we should behave towards other people. Faithfulness, meekness and self-control are three ways in which we should manage our lives both before God and others.
- In all of this, we need the Spirit's help and it is his joy to give it. And a prayer.
- Dear Lord Jesus, I pray that the Holy Spirit's fruit will ripen in my life so that I may become more like you.
- [ 2 : 57 ]     Amen. Amen. Thank you.