

Fruit-Filled Living (Pt.1)
“What Grows in God’s Garden?”
(Galatians 5:22a)
“But the harvest of the Spirit is...”
(James Moffat Bible)

Introduction: Gardens in the bible often symbolized delight, as they were pictures of happiness and fruitfulness (Ps. 1:1-3).

Paul told the Corinthian church, “We are God’s field.” Now here in Gal. 5:22 he again uses a farming or gardening term to explain how God desires to grow Spiritual fruit in us for our happiness and fruitfulness. Here we see, *“Spiritual Fruit-filled living can only grow in God’s Garden.”* But how?

- I. God is the planter of the garden:***
 - A. God is a sovereign gardener*** – (Gen.2:8; Mt. 13:3-9)
 - B. God is a successful gardener*** – (Jn. 15:1-8; 1 Cor. 3:7,9)

- II. God is the pruner of the garden:***
 - A. Pruning is done for protection*** – (Jn.15:2a)
 - B. Pruning is done for provision*** – (Jn.15:3- 5)
 - C. Pruning is done for production*** – (Jn.15: 2b)

- III. God is the provider of the garden:***
 - A. God Provides the ingredients for Fruit-Filled Living*** – (*Gal. 5:22a; Phil. 1:11; Phil. 4:17; Jn. 15:16,27*)
 - B. God Provides the increase for Fruit-Filled Living*** – (*1 Cor. 3:6,7; Lk. 13:6-9*)

Conclusion: How many fruits of the Spirit are there? **ONE!** Paul chose the singular “fruit” to show the unity of these 9 characteristics that come from one Spirit. We should be asking God to begin to produce His fruit in our life daily!