

## West Valley Church of Christ – May 17, 2026

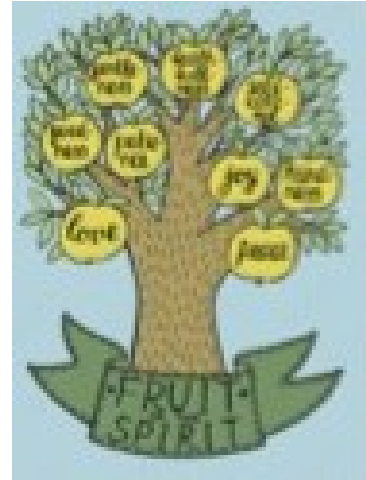
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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Devotional: 6:00 p.m.

### **THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

We can read in our Bible how good trees will bear good fruit and bad trees will bear bad fruit (Matthew 7:18). There are two verses in Galatians the 5<sup>th</sup> Chapter that make up a list of fruit we are to be harvesting in our Christian lives. We will work our way through the entire list of fruit listed in Galatians 5 in the upcoming articles.



The Bible reads this way in Galatians 5:22-25, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” Notice the use of the singular word “fruit” in this passage rather than the plural form. This implies these qualities are to be understood as a group rather than individual pieces of fruit. The more we saturate ourselves with the fruit of the spirit and live under the Spirit’s teaching in the Word of God, the more mature we will be in Christ. Christians living by the Spirit serve the Lord together with the primary goal of glorifying God in exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit. When we fill our hearts with God’s kind of fruit, we will live an obedient, godly, purposeful, servant driven life.

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