

**HOW DO YOU PLAN
TO IMPROVE?**

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**Today we are going to
take a look at the last
three “Fruits of the
Spirit”.**

FAITHFULNESS

**“that which evokes
trust and faith”**

**“the state of being
someone in whom
confidence can be
placed”**

Reliability

Confidence

**All of the New Testament
examples of this word
involve faithfulness
toward God.**

**It is a man or woman
living out their trust in
God over the long haul.**

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 A person should consider us in this way: as servants of Christ and managers of God's mysteries. In this regard, it is expected of managers that each one of them be found faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

**The question comes
up of whether or not
this is also talking
about faithfulness
towards others?**

The answer is no.

**That idea of
faithfulness is
encompassed in the
first fruit, Love.**

GENTLENESS

-meekness
-humility
-couteous
-considerate

**It's a word we see to
describe the character
of Jesus.**

**The word has an idea
of humility.**

**Matthew 11:29 All of
you, take up My yoke
and learn from Me,
because I am gentle
and humble in heart,
and you will find rest
for yourselves.**

Galatians 6:1 Brothers, if someone is caught in any wrongdoing, you who are spiritual should restore such a person with a gentle spirit, watching out for yourselves so you also won't be tempted.

**Paul goes on to teach
this very thing.**

**Philippians 2:3 Do
nothing out of rivalry or
conceit, but in humility
consider others as
more important than
yourselves.**

SELF-CONTROL

“temperance”

**“control of ones
emotions, desires, and
impulses”**

**Self-control is unlike
any other fruit, in that it
is something not done
in community.**

It is individual.

**The fruit of self-control
helps you and I to curb
the excesses off the
works of the flesh.**

**Paul gives a couple
different examples of
need for self-control.**

Sexual desire

1 Corinthians 7:8-9 I say to the unmarried and to widows: It is good for them if they remain as I am. But if they do not have self-control, they should marry, for it is better to marry than to burn with desire.

**Self-discipline of an
athlete**

1 Corinthians 9:25 Now everyone who competes exercises self-control in everything. However, they do it to receive a crown that will fade away, but we a crown that will never fade away.

**Character of an
over-seer**

**Titus 1:8 but
hospitable, loving what
is good, sensible,
righteous, holy, self-
controlled,**

**Where I do think we
have to be careful is
comparing self-control
or temperance with
abstinence.**

**Eliminating everything
is not self-control, it is
legalism.**

**So I ask the same
question again...**

How are you doing?