

Receiving  
**God's**  
Abundant  
**Gifts**




**LESSON 23: THE GIFT OF CHANGED LIVES**









Let us not become  
weary in doing good, for  
at the proper time we  
will reap a harvest if we  
do not give up.

Memory Verse: Galatians 6:9





# Fruit of the Spirit: For Adults

From Galatians For You by Tim Keller

Paul shifts from talking about “acts” of the sinful nature (v. 19) to “the fruit of the Spirit” (v. 22).

This is an agricultural image.



# The Fruit of God's Spirit



LOVE

JOY

PEACE

PATIENCE

KINDNESS

GOODNESS

SELF-CONTROL



# HOW THE SPIRIT WORKS:

- Christian growth is *GRADUAL*
- Growth of the Fruit of the Spirit is *INEVITABLE*
- The Fruit of the Spirit has *INTERNAL* roots
- Christian growth is *SYMMETRICAL*
- Christian growth can be *UNCOMFORTABLE*



# AGAPE = LOVE

To serve a person for their good and intrinsic value, not for what they bring you.

Its opposite is fear, self-protection and abuse of others.

Its counterfeit is selfish affection.





# CHARA= JOY

A delight in God for the sheer beauty and worth of who He is.

Its opposite is hopelessness or despair.

Its counterfeit is elation based on experiencing blessings, not the Blessor.





# IRENE=PEACE

Confidence and rest in the wisdom and control of God rather than your own.

Its opposite is anxiety and worry.

Its counterfeit is indifference and apathy.





# MAKROTHUMIA=PATIENCE

An ability to face trouble without lashing out.

Its opposite is resentment toward God and others.

Its counterfeit is cynicism or lack of care.





# CHRESTOTES=KINDNESS

Ability to serve others practically, in a way that makes one vulnerable.

Its opposite is envy.

Its counterfeit is manipulative good deeds: doing good for others so I can feel good about myself.





# AGATHOSUNE=GOODNESS

Similar to integrity: being the same person in every situation, not hypocritical or phony.

Its opposite is hypocrisy, phoniness.

Its counterfeit is being truthful but not loving.





## **PSTIS=FAITHFULNESS**

**To be utterly reliable and true to your word. Also means loyalty and courage.**

**Its opposite is to be an opportunist.**

**Its counterfeit is to be loving but not truthful so that you are never willing to confront or challenge.**





# **PRAUTAS=GENTLENESS**

**To be humble and self-forgetful.**

**Its opposite is to be superior and self-absorbed.**

**Its counterfeit is feelings of inferiority, worthlessness.**



# EGKRATEIA=SELF-CONTROL

The ability to pursue the important over the urgent.

Its opposite is to be impulsive and to lack control.

Its counterfeit is a willpower based on pride, the need to feel in control.





**BUT...**

**Christian Growth Can Be  
UNCOMFORTABLE**

# **FOX NEWS' HIGHLY RELUCTANT JESUS FOLLOWER**

**“Of all people surprised that I became an  
evangelical Christian, I’m the most surprised.”**

**Kirsten Powers, Christianity Today, 10/22/2013**







## Applying the Lesson In Your Life

Has your growth as a Christian ever made you feel uncomfortable?

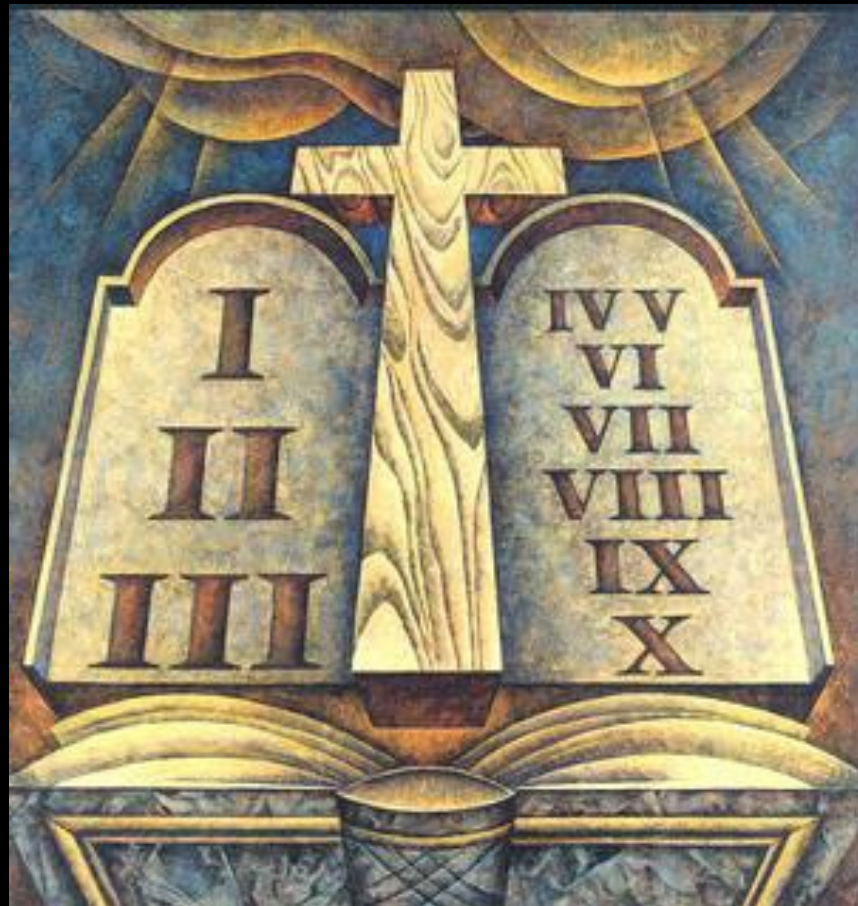
Why?

How do you handle that feeling?



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**FOUNDATION AND FULFILLMENT:  
The Ten Commandments and  
Jesus Revealed in the Gospel of Luke**



Invite a  
friend to  
join you!