

# Study Questions

## What the Worlds Wants, Pt 1

### Galatians 5:16-24

- 1) **READ** Galatians 5:22-23. As you read through this list would you say these are the things that the world really wants or are they only temporary desires after some tragedy? Why does the world want these attributes in one another?
- 2) In its quest for the fruit of the Spirit the world gets other things instead. **READ** Galatians 5:19-21. It was mentioned that those who are not in Christ have their default button set on the flesh position. What does this mean? What does the passage mean when it says these are the “works of the flesh?” If these are the “works of the flesh” can we assume that the Christian does not operate in this manner?
- 3) Consider the attributes concerning the works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21). If you had to place them in two or three categories, what would these categories be named? Explain your categorizations. Would you say our world is repulsed by these or does our world celebrate these works of the flesh? Could any of these areas of the works of the flesh be used in leadership practice? What would you say to someone if they did yet insist they are Christian? Which adjectives have you struggled with and which ones are you struggling with (*answer with discretion when necessary but be open to the Holy Spirit*)? What would the Lord want you to do about your areas of struggle?
- 4) **READ** Galatians 5:16. What is the command and what is the promise in this verse? Verse 16 also begins with the word “but.” What purpose does this conjunction serve and how does it relate to another verse or paragraph (*Which verse(s) does it relate to*)? Connect those verses together and try to explain the flow of thought in those passages. How does one “walk by the Spirit?”
- 5) **READ** again Galatians 5:22-23. Does the world ever achieve these attributes at any time? If your answer is yes then how is that possible if they are the

product of the fruit of the Spirit? If your answer is no then why do we see attributes like *love, kindness, gentleness* and *self-control* displayed by people who do not yet know Christ? We talked about us and the works of the flesh. Which fruit of the Spirit do you display more often than not? Which fruit of the Spirit would you say you are the weakest? What would your best friend or spouse say is your weakest area? Why? Is it possible to improve in any of these areas if they are given by the Spirit?

- 6) **READ** Galatians 5:17. What is in opposition to one another? Why are they opposed to one another? Do you ever sense this in your own heart? **READ Romans** 7:14-20. What does Paul seem to say here? Is it then possible to have victory over the flesh? How would you like someone to pray for you in this area?