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STEP BY STEP | NOVEMBER 16-22, 2022
LOOK FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU.

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.

Galatians 5:22-23 NIV

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When you memorize something, it sticks with you. Even if you don't realize it, verses you've kept in your mind will pop up when you need them most. They're there to help you, encourage you, and keep you walking toward the kind of full life God wants for you.

To memorize this verse on the fruit of the Spirit, pick an object that represents each quality listed. Put the objects in order, saying the verse aloud as you do. Then mix them up and try to put them back in order to help you memorize this verse!

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20 NLT

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In nature, a lot of creatures have big transformations. Caterpillars turn into butterflies, seeds turn into trees and flowers, tadpoles turn into frogs, and snakes and lizards shed skin and morph into what they are meant to be.

When we allow God to be a part of our lives—when we choose to let our thoughts and actions show that we follow Jesus' teachings—we transform just like those other creatures God created. We become more loving, kind, patient, joyful, peaceful, and more. We become more of who God made us to be.

For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 2:13 NIV

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Have you ever felt pressured? Maybe from friends who pressured you to do something you knew you shouldn't. Or maybe from a parent or coach to play a certain sport or do a certain activity. Maybe from another kid in class to cheat on a test. No matter how you've felt pressured, you know that it usually pushes you to do something you may not want to do. But God? Well, God will never be the one pressuring you toward anything that's not good. When God is leading you, you can trust that you're being led to the right thing.

Today, write a note or say a prayer to God, asking God to show you when and how to do the right thing.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1 John 4:12 NIV

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You have never seen wind. You might have seen the wind move clouds, rain, or snow. You might have even seen a hurricane or tornado. But even with those things, you've only seen condensation, dirt, and debris in the wind; you're not seeing the actual wind. God is like wind in that way. People don't get to physically see God, but when you choose to love others and treat them kindly, people can see God in you. It's just like seeing wind sweep across a grassy field!

In what ways have you seen God in others' lives? Today, reach out to someone who shows you God in their life. Let them know how much you're encouraged by how you see God's Spirit at work in them!

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

Philippians 1:6 NLT

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Sometimes it can feel like different construction projects never end: roadwork on the street near your home, or the new neighborhood you see on the way to church, or the big buildings being built downtown. In a similar way, when you decide to follow Jesus, you become His own personal construction project. But unlike the construction you see happening all around you, the construction with Jesus is happening in you. Scripture promises us that the transformation we go through with the Holy Spirit, step by step to make us more like Jesus, will be made complete one day.

In what ways do you see the Holy Spirit changing you? Start a list of how you see yourself transforming in big and small ways.

So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.

Romans 8:6 NLT

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The choices we make often lead us to one of two things: worry or peace.

When we make a choice that isn't wise, it leads to worrying about consequences. What will happen when people find out? Will I get in trouble? Will my friends still want to hang out with me? Why did I do that?! On the other hand, when you make wise choices, they will bring peace. Even if it isn't an easy or popular choice, you'll find peace knowing you're walking toward the full life God wants for you.

Spend a moment thanking God for the peace available to you today. Then pray for the Holy Spirit—God's Spirit—to lead you toward good, wise choices for your life. Choices that bring peace!

Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like [God].

Colossians 3:10 NLT

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When we were created, God called us good. God shows us time and time again how much we are loved. All we have to do now is accept that God loves us and let that be enough.

The world may not always accept you but remember the world didn't even accept Jesus.

Stop listening to what the world says about you. Instead, pray and ask for help seeing yourself the way God sees you.