

WholeHearted – Week 2
Don't Envy One Another
Galatians 5:16-26

Getting to Know You

1. How has your understanding of Galatians affected your Christian life?
2. Do you have a favorite passage in Galatians?

Digging Deeper

1. The vices listed in Galatians 5:19–21 were not generally considered sin or sinful behaviors in the Greco-Roman culture. How does this background information help you better understand this passage?
2. Paul is likely using a word play on the word “works” in Galatians noting “the works of the flesh” and “the works of the law” as negatives. How should this inform our understanding of the whole of the message to the Galatians?
3. Why does Paul emphasize the conflict between the flesh and the Spirit?
4. How would you explain the significance of the Fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22–23) as contrasted with the works of the flesh (Gal 5:19–21) for the overall message of Galatians?
5. What warnings does Paul give regarding the works of the flesh?
6. How does the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22–23) as contrasted with the works of the flesh (Gal 5:19–21) help you better understand your progress in sanctification?

Living It Out

7. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in helping us to resist the works of the flesh?
8. What can you do to grow in the area of the fruit of the Spirit where you feel you are lacking?
9. How can the church help believers to avoid falling back into the "yoke of slavery" Paul warns about?
10. How can we cultivate a life that models the fruit of the Spirit in personal and community life?