

THAT CHRIST BE FORMED IN YOU

Gal. 4:19

I. BIRTH PAINS.

- A. Travail until Christ be formed in you.
- B. Bringing forth the Christ nature.
 - 1. Manifesting the life of Jesus.
 - 2. Is this the way Jesus would act; respond; talk, walk?
 - 3. What would Jesus do in a situation like this?

II. YOU SHALL KNOW THEM BY THE FRUIT THEY BEAR.

- A. Are we bearing fruit of the spirit, or fruit of the flesh?
- B. By this shall all men know you're my disciples--have love for one another.
- C. Know have passed from death unto life--love for brethren.

III. WORKS OF THE FLESH BRINGS FORTH DEATH.

- A. Learn to control activities of the flesh.
- B. Learn to control appetites of the flesh.
- C. Fulfilling the desires of the flesh stifles spiritual growth.

IV. FRUIT ALWAYS BEGINS WITH SEED--SMALL BEGINNINGS.

- A. Despise not (don't neglect) days of small beginnings.
- B. We don't become reprobates overnight.
 - 1. Signifying not standing the test; rejected.
 - 2. Reprobate mind. A mind of which God cannot approve, which must be rejected of Him; the effect of refusing to have God in our knowledge.
 - 3. Men whose moral sense is perverted.
 - 4. If they are put to the test in regard to any good work (in contrast to their own profession) they can only be rejected.
- C. Must deal with small root beginnings.
 - 1. Give no place to the devil.
 - 2. No one starts out to be an alcoholic; drug addict; prostitute.
 - 3. Just one little bit; just this one time.
- D. Our love for our Lord doesn't grow cold overnight.
 - 1. Allow things to hinder us from things of God.
- E. our love for our spouses doesn't grow cold overnight.
 - 1. Take one another for granted (they will always be there).
 - 2. Neglect opens door for Satan to bring disillusionments.
 - 3. Open door for sexual sins by fantasizing, fostered by improper exposure.
- F. Must guard what is channeled into our minds, which will eventually get into our spirits.
- G. A corrupted spirit will corrupt our souls, and eventually our bodies.
- H. Improper relationships can make you physically sick.
 - 1. Harboring resentment and bitterness.

2. Unforgiveness.

V. WE DON'T BECOME SPIRITUAL GIANTS OVERNIGHT.

- A. Must water, cultivate.
- B. Received engrafted Word of God.
- C. Here a little; there a little; line upon line; precept upon precept.

VI. THE INWORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PRODUCES THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, OR NATURE OF CHRIST.

- A. The apple tree doesn't struggle to produce apples.
- B. Improper care can abort the crop.
- C. Insects can destroy.
- D. Must be proper cultivation and care, including proper pruning (cutting dead, unproductive limbs off), watering, fertilizing, and keeping aliens out.
- E. Starts with proper seed; everything produces after its own kind.
 - 1. Sow to the flesh; reap corruption.
 - 2. Sow to the spirit, reap life.
- F. We are born of the incorruptible seed of Christ.

VII. ARE YOU TIRED OF WHERE YOU ARE?