

LIFE ON THE VINE

“Joy”

July 13, 2014

Galatians 5:22,23 (NIV) *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.”*

1. These characteristics which the fruit represent do not grow and mature in my life because of my _____.
2. The fruit of the Spirit is a byproduct of my _____ to Christ.
3. The fruit of the Spirit is not primarily for _____.

True joy does not depend upon the stimulus. It is not a _____, it is a state of being, an _____.

Obstacles to Avoid

1. The quest for _____
2. The desire for the _____ and _____
3. _____ more
4. The lure and fear of being _____

Ways to Cultivate True Joy in my Life

1. Develop a lifestyle of _____
Romans 1:25
2. Nurture _____
1 Timothy 6:6-9 Hebrews 13:5,6
3. Enjoy _____, and particularly _____