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Freedom in the Spirit Galatians 5:16-26

As a Christ follower, my problem with repetitive sin in my life is not a problem understanding the rules, nor is it a problem understanding myself. It is a _____ problem. I don't really trust God to know and to do what is best for me.

Discussion 1. Temptation happens when what I want is different from what God wants. Do you believe this difference grows smaller as we grow in our faith? If so, what kinds of spiritual disciplines help that happen?

Living a lifestyle marked by enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, and envy is not consistent with a decision to follow Jesus. If I choose such a lifestyle, I may call myself a Christian, but I am not _____.

Discussion 2. If I claim Christianity but my life is marked with an ongoing pattern of these "works of the flesh" in verses 19-21, what kinds of questions should I be asking myself? Who else might I involve in this self-assessment? What kind of help should I be seeking?

Fruit of the Spirit is not something we can learn to produce, nor something we can produce through our own efforts. All we can do is to abide in (be rooted and growing in) Christ. His Spirit, then, leaves behind forensic _____ of His _____. We call it fruit.

Discussion 3. Under what kinds of circumstances do you believe fruit of the Spirit is most present in you? Under what kinds of circumstances do you believe it is least present in you? In light of these answers, what might "next steps" look like for you in your faith journey?

Being a Jesus follower is all about choosing to abide in Him, to stop striving to be good and to rest in Him. Making that choice over and over again will eventually produce _____ like Jesus, marking us as His.

Discussion 4. "Choosing to abide in Christ" sound wonderful, but what does it really mean to you? Give an example that illustrates that choice in regular, day to day life.