Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-26

I. What God wants to give us: Spiritual Fruit (22)

- 1. It is not an exhaustive list
- 2. They come as a package not individually
- 3. They do not come passively but as we cooperate with the Spirit
- 4. So we can take no credit
- 5. They are not the result of our focussing on the Law
- 6. They are listed to help us see what God is doing and what more he can do in us
- 7. They reflect the character of God in his relationship with us

II. What do we do to see these fruit grow?

- 1. Keep working on the Flesh-Extermination-Project begun on the Cross, particularly in relation to our desires (24)
- 2. Keep in step with the Marching Song of the Holy Spirit (25)
- 3. Monitor our attitudes to others and apply 1. and 2. to them (26).