

Daily Morning Message

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Daily Lectionary Readings    Psalm 80  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Galatians 5:16-26

Today's Scripture Verse:    *Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these.... By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:19-21a, 22-23a)*

What it means:                The contrast between works of the flesh and fruit of the Spirit are sometimes viewed as a contrast between body and soul, but a careful look at these two lists tells us that the works of the flesh can be spiritual as well as physical. Jealousy and anger, for example, seem to be signs of an unhealthy spirit, while generosity is often practiced by meeting the physical needs of others.

Our time of reflection:    Some people have found it a helpful discipline to name a particular fruit of the Spirit each day for eight days altogether and list the ways that spiritual fruit has been made real in their lives. If this seems meaningful to you, on the final day you could decide which spiritual gift needs more attention than you've been giving it in order to gain greater peace in your soul.

