



## The Vessel Study Verse: Galatians 5:13-26 NIV

**Galatians 5:13-26** For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters;[ only do not use your freedom as an opportunity to indulge your flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law can be summed up in a single commandment, namely,  
**“You must love your neighbor as yourself.”**

**However**, if you continually bite and devour one another, beware that you are not consumed by one another. But I say, live by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desires of the flesh. For the flesh has desires that are opposed to the Spirit, and the Spirit has desires that are opposed to the flesh, for these are in opposition to each other, so that you cannot do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, depravity, idolatry, sorcery, hostilities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish rivalries, dissensions factions, envying, murder, drunkenness, carousing, and similar things. I am warning you, as I had warned you before: Those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God!

**But** the fruit of the Spirit[ is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

**Now** those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also behave in accordance with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, being jealous of one another.

**My Thoughts: \* the following is my personal understand \***

In this Chapter Paul is writing to the Church in Galatia. The start of the chapter it appears the church is struggling with the difference between Flesh and Spirit. Following the “Law” (the world) and the Commandments of God. Flesh versus Spirit. Paul explains to the Church of Galatia that following the world's view leads to choices/ consequences of heavy burden, Paul references it as Slavery. Paul explains the choice to follow God's commandments is freedom. Paul goes on with warnings that the world will continue to pressure Christians to accept things that are not of God (desensitize). He warns the Church that persecution for being different is no less than Jesus carried to the cross. The world will condemn themselves. Focus on God's word. His commandments. His gifts come with freedom. His instructions to live each day as a better people, a source of hope for ourselves and the world. So put on your big boy/girl shorts, we have work to do. We can face this daily challenge together by devoting some time to God, **allowing His word and Spirit to penetrate our mind, heart and spirit.** Encouraging each other, committing to attending church faithfully, serving God with the talents He designed inside of you. Before you close this window, Allow the following words to truly settle in your thoughts today. **“The fruit of the Spirit| is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”** Satan will test you, but God has your back and I’m praying for you.

Until next time, May God bless, Heal, Protect and grow in you daily. Everyone say, AMEN