

Gal. 5:22-25

- I. The First Trial Of "Love, Joy, Peace." Set Forth The Christian Relations To God.
 - a. Love is the tie that binds our hearts to God as our Father. It is the life sap which rises through the tree and gives form to all at the Christian.
 - b. Joy is the glad emotion that springs up after our reconciliation with God.
 - c. Peace is the summer calm that guards the soul that has entered into rest. It comes not from the absence of trouble, but from the presence of God.

- II. The Second Trial Of Long Suffering, Goodness, Gentleness, Set Forth Our Relation To Others.
 - a. Long Suffering. The power to bear up under a burden, to endure, capacity to stand great strain.
 - b. Gentleness. Refers to disposition which works itself out in sweet and benevolent action. The opposite of rudeness and coarseness.
 - c. Goodness. Refers to disposition to acts.

- III. The Third Trial Of "Faithfulness, Meekness, Temperance, Refer To The World Which The Christian Lives As a Battle Scene."
 - a. Faithfulness. In the theological sense of what we believe and in faithfulness to our work, etc.
 - b. Meekness contemplates a life of battle, non-resistance to opportunity.
 - c. Temperance. Self central in the battle of passions.