

## **SUNDAY SERMON APRIL, 12, 2026**

**THEME: Fruitfulness:**

**The Elements: Spirit's Power.**

**TOPIC:** Enabling Christian Education Ministries through the Spirit's Power

**TEXT:** Galatians 5: 16 – 24

### **Intro.**

Imagine of a tree planted in a fertile soil, watered daily, yet struggling to bear fruit; not because of poor ground, but because it lacks the vital life-force from within. That's the Christian life without the Spirit's power!

Christian Education Department which was begun in 1963 after the need had been felt for many years was established to help Christians so that they may stand firm on the Scriptures.

It is not merely a program but a life-long Christ centered process of learning.

Through it, Christians are:

Systematically matured in the Scriptures, equipped to know and experience God's plan and purpose for life and service.

This mission cannot be accomplished by human wisdom alone, it requires the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, there is a need for every believer to be grounded in the Word through the power of the Holy Spirit so as to produce fruit that transforms individuals and communities.

We will explore how the Spirit's power enables our Christian Education Department to produce lasting fruit from Galatians 5:16-24.

I. The Significance of Christian Education

II. The Place of the Spirit's Power in Christian Education

III. Hindrances to the Spirit's Power in Christian Education

IV. The Outcome of the Spirit's Power in Christian Education

### **I. The Significance of Christian Education**

Christian education isn't optional, it's God's design for spiritual growth.

It is the backbone of discipleship which ensures that as a believer, you are not tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine.

It provides systematic teaching that strengthens your faith, deepens your understanding, and nurtures your obedience to God's word.

Through Christian Education, you are equipped to defend your faith, live holy lives, and serve effectively in the body of Christ.

Paul warns in Galatians that the flesh wars against the Spirit, pulling us toward selfish desires like hatred, discord, and immorality (vv. 19-21).

Without education in the Word, we drift into these acts of the flesh and unfruitfulness.

CED department equips us with Scripture to discern truth from lies, building resilience against false teaching. It transforms raw faith into mature obedience, fulfilling Jesus' command in Matthew 28:20.

A grounded believer serves boldly, disciple others, and reflect Christ's character which is essential for church health and mission.

## **II. The Place of the Spirit's Power in Christian Education**

Education alone is dry theory! Paul encourages us to, "Walk by the Spirit" (v. 16), for the Spirit is the divine Teacher who lights Scripture, making it alive and relevant (John 16:13), He convicts our hearts, and empowers application. He is the engine powering our learning.

Without the Spirit, Christian Education risks becoming intellectual exercise rather than spiritual formation.

The Spirit empowers teachers to minister beyond their natural abilities, giving wisdom, discernment, and compassion.

He enables learners to grasp truth, apply it, and bear fruit in their daily lives.

As Jesus said in John 14:26, the Spirit teaches and reminds us of all that Christ has spoken.

In our department, the Spirit's power turns lessons into life change: Bible studies spark conviction, prayer fuels dependence, and fellowship bears communal fruit.

Without Him, education is head knowledge; with Him, it's heart transformation. As we study Galatians, the Spirit cultivates His fruit—love, joy, peace—making education not a duty, but a delightful walk with God.

## **III. Hindrances to the Spirit's Power in Christian Education**

Paul names the works of flesh by listing four categories of sins that blocks this power? (vv. 19-21). Whereby he talks of sins that defile the individual, Individual's relationship to God, human relations and sins defiling relations to even objects.

In our context, hindrances include:

**Carnality:** When fleshly desires dominate, the Spirit's work is quenched (1 Thess. 5:19)

**Pride:** Relying on human intellect or credentials rather than the Spirit's guidance.

**Formalism:** Treating Christian Education as routine or ritual without spiritual engagement.

**Neglect of prayer and community:** Prayerlessness leaves the programs powerless, Learning in isolation ignores the Spirit's relational work.

**Disunity:** Strife and division hinder the Spirit's flow, making fruitfulness impossible.

**Self-reliance:** Thinking "I can grow on my own" ignores "crucify the flesh" (v. 24)

Examine yourself: Is your participation in Christian education Spirit-led or flesh-driven?

#### **IV. The Outcome of the Spirit's Power in Christian Education**

The Spirit wins! When we "keep in step with the Spirit" (v. 25), we bear fruit: love that serves, joy that endures, peace that calms, and self-control that obeys (vv. 22-23). No law condemns this harvest!

Hence, having mature believers leading families, discipling nations, and advancing God's kingdom.

Since 1963, Spirit-empowered education has produced faithful teachers, evangelists, and servants.

Therefore, you are empowered to live God's purpose, be fruitful in service and unshaken in trials.

#### **Conclusion**

Christian Education is vital, but it must be Spirit-enabled to fulfill its mission. The Spirit's power transforms mere teaching into life-changing encounters with God's Word. As we yield to Him, the department will not only instruct but inspire, not only inform but transform.

Commit to Walk by the Spirit through diligent Christian education. Join a class, pray daily, crucify the flesh, so that you can bear abundant fruit for God's glory! If you're not yet grounded, start today; surrender to the Spirit.

- Teachers: Depend on the Spirit, not just your notes.
- Learners: Open your hearts to the Spirit's illumination.
- Church: Support the department with prayer, unity, and commitment.
- Everyone: Walk in the Spirit daily, so that fruitfulness may abound in your life and in the ministry of Christian Education.

#### **Prayer**

"Holy Spirit, empower our education; make us fruitful vines in Your vineyard." Amen