

**5. Observe a regular plan for listening.**

A time when our minds are fairly free from being **obsessed** with concerns.

**6. God's will for you may be that He wants you to choose what to do.**

God's will is that you become a mature person of **judgment** and **discernment**.

**VII. The seventh fruit is faithfulness.**

To be faithful is to be **trustworthy** and **dependable** and **loyal**.

Memory Verse - James 1:2

*"When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives, don't resent them as intruders, welcome them as friends: They produce endurance."*

**VIII. The eighth fruit is gentleness.**

A word used for an **animal** that had been **tamed**.

The opposite of **pride** or **arrogance** or **self-promotion**.

Memory Verse - Philippians 4:5

*"Let your gentleness be evident to all."*

**IX. The ninth fruit is \_\_\_\_\_.**

Memory Verse - Proverbs 25:28

*"Losing self-control leaves you as helpless as a city without a wall."*

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**Small Group Discussion Questions:**

- 1) Discuss each of the six steps to walk through when you want to receive guidance from God.
- 2) Read Acts 5:40-42. Discuss the fruit of faithfulness in regard to this passage and then relate it to your own life.
- 3) Why is gentleness so difficult for so many? Discuss gentleness and pride, arrogance, self-promotion and self-will.

4) Share times in your life when *"Losing self-control leaves you as helpless as a city without a wall."*

5) Reflect on the nine fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and the guidance for our lives that the Holy Spirit gives us. What have you learned from this series of messages?



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## Guidance from God - Six Steps

### 1. **Resolve to do God's will.**

Guidance makes sense only in a life that is **dedicated** to doing God's will.

### 2. **Meditate constantly on God's Word.**

Expose your mind to the **teachings** of Jesus.

### 3. **Be attentive to events in your life and mind.**

Seeking guidance is not being **passive**.

### 4. **Speak to God constantly about your concerns.**

Both at a **set time** each day, but then **continually** throughout the day.