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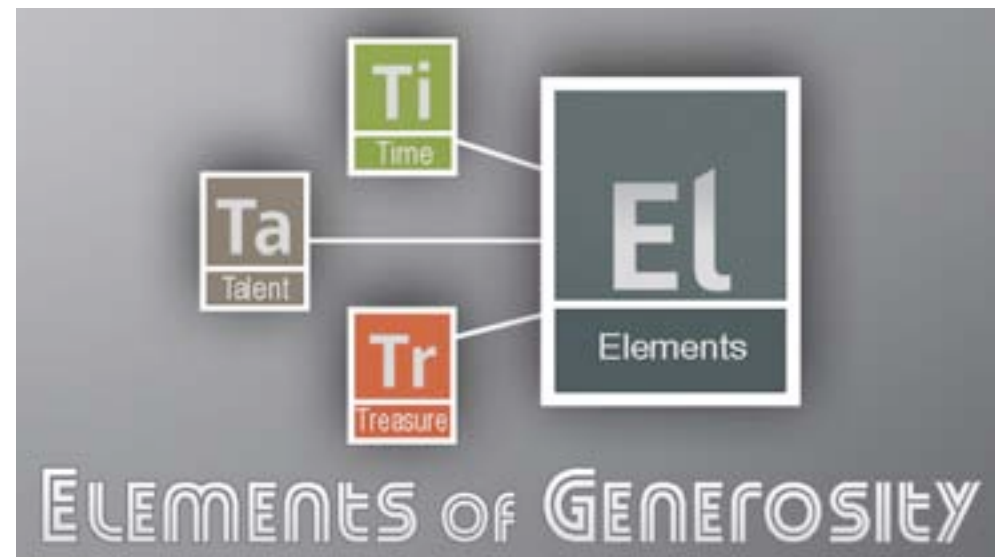
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- Look at this scripture in Galatians.
- Galatians 5:22-26 (New International Version)

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. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

- How are fruits truly grown and developed and how can we take practical steps to grow in these areas? Christian virtues are not spoken about to much any more, can they be developed?
- Romans 12 : 6 – 8

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Talk about it

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