

THE FRUITFUL LIFE

Love

Galatians 5:22-23

What are the Fruit of Spirit? - The Fruit of the Spirit are nine specific behaviors or characteristics that are the result of the work Holy Spirit in the believer's life.

Fruit (karpos)- The word "fruit" refers to the product or result from something. It is what comes from a tree or plant, like an apple comes from an apple tree. So, when Paul talks about "the fruit of the Spirit" he is referring to fruit that comes from the Spirit of God.

CULTIVATING YOUR FRUIT

The development of the Fruit of the Spirit takes time.

The development of the Fruit of the Spirit requires effort.

The development of the Fruit of the Spirit will display growth.

THE FRUIT OF LOVE

Love (agape)-"selfless, sacrificial, expects nothing in return, and patient" The source of this type of love is God.

God's Love

"In respect of the love of God, it expresses the deep and constant 'love' and interest of a perfect Being towards entirely unworthy objects, producing and fostering a reverential 'love' in them towards the Giver, and a practical 'love' towards those who are partakers of the same, and a desire to help others to seek the Giver,"

- John 3:16
- 1 John 3:1

THE WRONG STANDARDS OF LOVE

- If we like someone... The bible does not call you to like, but to love.
- If we agree with someone's behavior or lifestyle.
- If they will be indebted to us for rest of our lives.
- If we expect something in return.

● LOVE LIVED OUT

LOVING OUR ENEMIES-Luke 6:27-36

THREE WAYS OF LOVING OUR ENEMIES:

- In Our Actions v. 27
- In Our Words v. 28
- With Our Prayers v. 28

LOVING THE HURTING AND THE HELPLESS-Luke 10:25-37

We must look for hurting and helpless neighbors all around v. 29

We must not avoid opportunities to minister to those in need vv. 31-32

We must love without limits vv. 34-35

LOVING FELLOW BELIEVERS-1 John 4:7-21

We are commanded to love fellow believers vv. 7-8

God's love must be seen through us v. 12

Our love should not be a paradox vv. 20-21