

The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-25

WHAT IS FRUIT?

Fruit validates the tree. (Matthew 7:15-20)

Fruit grows under specific conditions for a specific purpose.

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The breath of physical life is given by God at physical birth. (Genesis 2:7)

The breath of spiritual life is given by the Holy Spirit at spiritual birth. (Eph 2)

WHAT IS LOVE?

Love is the greatest evidence (John 13:25)

Love is the greatest gift (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Love is the greatest motivation (1 Corinthians 16:14; Hebrews 10:24)

Love is the bond of perfection (Colossians 3:14)

Love is pursued (1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:22)

Love is put on (Colossians 3:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:8)

LOVE DEFINED: (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

1. Love is willing sacrifice (Genesis 22:2)

- Genesis 29:15-30
- John 3:16
- John 15:13
- Romans 5:8
- Romans 12:10
- Galatians 2:20
- Galatians 5:13
- Ephesians 5:2
- Ephesians 5:25-33
- Philippians 2:1-8
- 1 John 3:16

2. Love is complete obedience (Deuteronomy 11:1)

- Joshua 22:5
- 1 Kings 3:3
- Nehemiah 1:5
- John 14:15
- John 15:10
- 1 John 5:3
- 1 John 1:6

3. Love is loyal defense/faithful provision (Deuteronomy 7:9)

- Deuteronomy 11:22-23
- Deuteronomy 19:8-10
- Deuteronomy 23:5
- Deuteronomy 30:14-16
- 2 Chronicles 9:8
- Proverbs 17:17
- Ezekiel 16
- Romans 8:28-39

4. Love is unconditional forgiveness (Proverbs 10:12)

- Matthew 5:43-48
- Luke 6:27-36
- 1 Peter 3:8-12
- 1 Peter 4:8

WHOLE HEARTED LOVE (Deuteronomy 6:5)

- Deuteronomy 10:2; 11:13; 13:3; 30:6; 30:17-20
- Joshua 22:5
- Ezekiel 33:31
- Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34; Luke 10:27

BROTHERLY/NEIGHBORLY LOVE (Leviticus 19:18)

- 1 Samuel 18 (David & Jonathan)
- Matthew 19:19
- Romans 13:8-10
- Galatians 5:4
- 1 Thessalonians 4:9
- 1 Thessalonians 3:12
- Hebrews 13:1
- James 2:8
- 1 Peter 1:22

TURTHFUL LOVE (Ephesians 4:25)

- Proverbs 3:12
- Proverbs 13:24
- Proverbs 27:5
- Hebrews 12:6

KEY LOVE PASSAGES:

- Deuteronomy 10-12
- 1 Corinthians 13
- 1 John 4

LOVE DEMONSTRATED:

Love is clearly seen and demonstrated in the character, nature, and work of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.