

Fruit of the Spirit - Week 2

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FRUIT *of the* SPIRIT

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We don't change by trying harder. We change by submitting to the Spirit.

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.*

Galatians 5:22-23

The Fruit of the Spirit - the character of Christ being made visible in us as we walk by the Spirit.

"The character of Christ" - These are not random virtues, they are who Jesus is.

"Made visible in us" - Christians should look different from the world.

"As we walk by the Spirit" - Change comes from His Spirit, not our striving.

Week 2: Love

Love is the very nature and character of Christ.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:8

Love is the product of a life connected to God.

Where there is a lack of love, there is a lack of connection with God.

Love (Eros) - romantic

Love (Storge) - family

Love (Philia) - friendship

Love (Agape) - unconditional, seeking the highest good of another, no matter what

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34-35

1 Corinthians 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. **1**

Corinthians 13:1

Love is not shown in what you say, it's displayed in how you live.

How do I love like God?

1. Look at Jesus

At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and

asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

John 8:9-11

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

Luke 19:5

He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.

Mark 1:41-42

2. Pray like Jesus

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.

Luke 5:16

You can't love people well when your prayer life is weak.

Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me."

John 11:41

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

Luke 23:24

When you pray like Jesus, you will start to love like Jesus.

3. Be led like Jesus

Our love should be marked by action.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:14

God's love has been poured out into our hearts through

the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us .

Romans 5:5

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians 5:25-26