

## A Fruitful Season - Part 5

### What Matters Most - Part 3

**But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.** There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

**Galatians 5:22-26 (NLT)**

#### What is love and what is it not?

- **Love is a command, not a feeling.**
- **Love is a choice, not something uncontrollable.**
- **Love is an action, not mere words.**
- **Love is a commitment, not self-satisfaction.**

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. **God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.** Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. **But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.** And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. **We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect.** So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

**1 John 4:7-17 (NLT)**

**Keep company with God and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something back but to give everything of Himself to us. Love like that.**

**Ephesians 5:1b-2 (MSG)**

**Loves true definition is: Personal self-sacrifice!**

**Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.**

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)**

- **Love is kind.**

*So then, in everything treat others the same way you want them to treat you, for this is [the essence of] the [writings of the ] Prophets.*

**Matthew 7:12 (AMP)**

- **Love does not envy.**

*For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.*

**James 3:16 (NLT)**

- **Love is humble.**

*The empty-headed causes conflict out of pride; those who take advice are wise.*

**Proverbs 13:10 (CEB)**

- **Love is respectful.**

*Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.*

**1 Peter 2:17 (NIV)**

- **Love is patient.**

*A soft and gentle and thoughtful answer turns away wrath, but harsh and painful and careless words stir up anger.*

**Proverbs 15:1 (AMP)**

- **Love is forgiving.**

*As, therefore, God's picked representatives of the new humanity, purified and beloved of God himself, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Accept life, and be most patient and tolerant with one another, always ready to forgive if you have a difference with anyone. Forgive as freely as the Lord has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be truly loving, for love is the golden chain of all the virtues.*

**Colossians 3:12-14 (PHILLIPS)**

- **Love speaks the truth.**

*Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head.*

**Ephesians 4:15 (GNT)**

- **The most desired gift of love is focused attention.**

*Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.*

**Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)**

- **The best time to love is now.**

***Whenever we have the opportunity we should do good to everyone.***

***Galatians 6:10a (NLT)***

***Whenever you possibly can do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbor to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.***

***Proverbs 3:27-28 (GNT)***

***Use every chance you have for doing good, because these are evil times.***

***Ephesians 5:16 (NCV)***