

The Fruit of the Spirit is – LOVE

Text: **Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 13** (NIV)

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Introduction

A. When the attributes of God are evidenced in our lives –
it is called “the fruit of the Spirit!”

Gal. 5:13-25

B. Recommended reading, available at Christianbook.com:

- *The Fruitful Life: The Overflow of God’s Love Through You* by Jerry Bridges
- *The Fruit of the Spirit: Becoming the Person God Wants You to Be*
by Thomas E. Trask & Wayde I. Goodall

C. The fruit of the Spirit is - LOVE

I. The Priority or _____ of Love

A) Without love all that I say is _____

1 Cor. 13:1
Eph. 4:15

B) Without love all that I know is _____

1 Cor. 13:2
1 Cor. 8:1

C) Without love all that I believe is _____

1 Cor. 13:2
Heb. 11:6
1 Cor. 13:13
Gal. 5:6b

D) Without love all that I give is _____

1 Cor. 13:3
2 Cor. 9:7

E) Without love all that I accomplish is _____

1 Cor. 13:3, TLB

II. The of Love

Col. 3:14a, TLB

A) What is your definition of love?

B) Greek words:

1. Eros –
2. Storge –
3. Phileo –
4. Agape –

C) The Apostle Paul's definition

1 Cor. 13:4-8a

D) Two observations:

1. Love is an action

2 Cor. 5:14

Rom. 5:6-8

John 3:16

1 John 3:16-18

2. Love is a choice to obey a command

John 13:34-35

a) Jesus is our model

John 13:34

b) The Holy Spirit is our power

Rom. 5:5bc

Gal. 5:22

III. The of Love

1 Cor. 13:7-8, Ph

1 Cor. 13:13

1 John 4:16

- God will never stop loving you!

Jer. 31:3

Rom. 8:39

John 13:35

John 3:16

1 John 3:1