

# The Fruit of the Spirit The Nine Biblical Attributes Sanctification (10 Lessons)

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## **A. THE TEXT**

**Theme Verse: (Galatians 5:22-25)**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is 1. love, 2. joy, 3. peace, 4. patience, 5. kindness, 6. goodness, 7. faithfulness, 8. gentleness, 9. self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.**

### **THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT - 1. LOVE**

**(Matthew 5:43-46)** "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' (44) But I say to you, **Love** your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, (45) so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. (46) For if you **love** those who **love** you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?"

**(Mark 12:28-33)** And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" (29) Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. (30) And you shall **love** the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' (31) The second is this: 'You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (32) And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. (33) And to **love** him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to **love** one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

**(John 13:34-35)** A new commandment I give to you, that you **love** one another: just as I have **loved** you, you also are to **love** one another. (35) By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have **love** for one another."

**(John 15:9-13)** As the Father has **loved** me, so have I **loved** you. Abide in my **love**. (10) If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my **love**, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his **love**. (11) These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (12) "This is my commandment, that you **love** one another as I have **loved** you. (13) Greater **love** has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.

**(Romans 12:9-10)** (9) Let **love** be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. (10) **Love** one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

**(Romans 13:8-10)** Owe no one anything, except to **love** each other, for the one who **loves** another has fulfilled the law. (9) The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself." (10) **Love** does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore **love** is the fulfilling of the law.

**(1 Corinthians 13:1-13)** If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not **love**, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. (2) And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not **love**, I am nothing. (3) If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not **love**, I gain nothing. (4) **Love** is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant (5) or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; (6) it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. (7) **Love** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (8) **Love** never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. (9) For we know in part and we prophesy in part, (10) but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. (11) When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. (12) For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. (13) So now faith, hope, and **love** abide, these three; but the greatest of these is **love**.

**(Ephesians 4:15-16)** Rather, speaking the truth in **love**, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, (16) from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in **love**.

**(Philippians 2:1-4)** So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from **love**, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, (2) complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same **love**, being in full accord and of one mind. (3) Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. (4) Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

**(Colossians 3:12-14)** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, (13) bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. (14) And above all these put on **love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

**(1 Thessalonians 4:9)** Now concerning brotherly **love** you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to **love** one another,

**(1 Timothy 1:5)** The aim of our charge is **love** that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

**(2 Timothy 1:7)** for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and **love** and self-control.

**(Hebrews 10:24)** And let us consider how to stir up one another to **love** and good works,

**(Hebrews 13:1-3)** Let brotherly **love** continue. (2) Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. (3) Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body.

**(James 2:5-8)** Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who **love** him? (6) But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? (7) Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? (8) If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

**(1 Peter 2:17)** Honor everyone. **Love** the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

**(1 Peter 4:8)** Above all, keep **loving** one another earnestly, since **love** covers a multitude of sins.

**(1 John 3:14-18)** We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we **love** the brothers. Whoever does not **love** abides in death. (15) Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. (16) By this we know **love**, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. (17) But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's **love** abide in him? (18) Little children, let us not **love** in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

**(1 John 4:7-21)** Beloved, let us **love** one another, for **love** is from God, and whoever **loves** has been born of God and knows God. (8) Anyone who does not **love** does not know God, because God is **love**. (9) In this **the love** of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. (10) In this is **love**, not that we have **loved** God but that he **loved** us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (11) Beloved, if God so **loved** us, we also ought to **love** one another. (12) No one has ever seen God; if we **love** one another, God abides in us and his **love** is perfected in us. (13) By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. (14) And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. (15) Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. (16) So we have come to know and to believe the **love** that God has for us. God is **love**, and whoever abides in **love** abides in God, and God abides in him. (17) By this is **love** perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. (18) There is no fear in **love**, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in **love**. (19) We **love** because he first **loved** us. (20) If anyone says, "I **love** God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not **love** his brother whom he has seen cannot **love** God whom he has not seen. (21) And this commandment we have from him: whoever **loves** God must also **love** his brother.

## B. THE STUDY NOTES

1. Four words for love in the Bible:

agape = selfless love; philos = brotherly love; eros = sexual love; storge = compassion and charity

2. Read the book "**The Four Loves**" by C.S. Lewis.

## C. THE LIFE APPLICATION

1. How has the love of God shaped your life?

2. What then are the ways that you show love to your brother?