



The **VINE** and the **FRUIT**



GALATIANS 5:22-23A NLT

²²But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,





The Fruit
of the Week

LOVE



Understanding the distinction
between fruit and gifts



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The fruit is primary,
the gifts secondary.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3 NIV

¹If 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. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.



Understanding the distinction
between fruit and gifts



Your great gift
doesn't compensate for
your rotten fruit.

The proofs of
Biblical love



JOHN 13:34-35 NLT

³⁴“So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. ³⁵Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”





Your reflection of Jesus is as good as the fruit that your relationship with Him produces.



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1 JOHN 3:16 NIV

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.



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Biblical love is
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1 JOHN 3:18 NLV

¹⁸My children, let us not love with words or in talk only. Let us love by what we do and in truth.



The proofs of
Biblical love

Biblical love
is given first



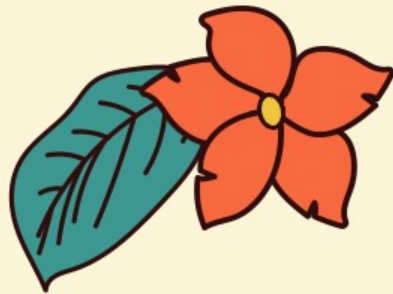
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ROMANS 5:8 NIV

⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

What does it look like for
us to actually love others?





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1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8A NIV

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails.

What should our response to this be?

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INSPECTION

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INSPECTION



ALIGNMENT

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12 NLT

¹²And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows.

