



COMMUNITY OF FAITH

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control... Galatians 5:22-23

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NIV)

Confusion: We believe that Love is *only* a feeling.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ. Philippians 1:9-10

You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Philippians 1:10 (The Message)

Love is a deliberate attitude that moves you into action.

Attitudes we adopt out of Love

*But the fruit of the Spirit is... **patience**... Galatians 5:22b*

Love is patient... it is not easily angered... 1 Corinthians 13:4a; 5b

Fools vent their anger but the wise quietly hold it back. Proverbs 29:11(NLT)

Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life.. Proverbs 4:23
(NCV)

How do we achieve this:

- a) Identify the buttons that trigger you anger and put them under your control...
... and visualize a different behavior.
- b) Clarify expectations...
...and learn to be flexible to reach agreements.

[Love] does not insist on its own way. 1 Corinthians 13:5b

The fruit of the Spirit is... kindness, goodness... Galatians 5:22

But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

Luke 10:33-34 (ESV)

Being kind and good means to have compassion and getting involved.

How do we achieve this:

- You need to be aware of the needs of others...

...not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:4 (NIV)

...and take advantage of every opportunity.

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

Ephesians 5:16 (NCV)

If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Matthew 5:41 (NIV)