

Love Motivated – Part 1

Series Memory Verse: *“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control...since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit’s leading in every part of our lives.” Galatians 5:22–23,25 (p.893)*

This partnership requires:

- Surrender: acknowledging we can't grow this fruit.
 - Leaning into His strength.
 - Trust: remain connected to Him.
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- **I Am Motivated to Live in Love with God and others.**

“...you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.” Mark 12:30–31 (p.773)

1. Key Truth: Love is God’s very nature, and it is a gift we cannot earn.

“But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:8 (p.943)

“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10 (p.896)

- **Application:** Recognize that God’s love for you is unconditional and sacrificial. Let this truth anchor your identity.

2. Key Truth: Love is an intentional decision to do what is best for others, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

“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 (p.878)

- **Application:** Choose to love others even when it’s difficult. Forgive, show patience, and prioritize others’ needs.

My Next Step This Week: I will read the Life Transformation Bible Daily Reading “Love” (p.A52-A53)