

*Character Matters: Nine Virtues of Those Who  
Belong to Jesus*  
***Love: The King of Virtues***

Galatians 5:22  
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**A Word to Adults Responsible for the Character Formation of  
Children**

Character refers to the moral traits that mark or “imprint” a person. Character is formed by the Holy Spirit through Biblical instruction and providential testing. A person of good character develops a reputation for displaying virtue (conformity to the ethical principles of Scripture) regardless of circumstances. The fruit of the Spirit refer to nine key virtues that will be prominent among those who belong to Jesus.

1. True virtue is defined by God's Word, not our feelings (relativism).
2. True virtue is the effect of salvation, not the cause (moralism).
3. True virtue gives glory to God, not to ourselves (me-ism).

**How to Love Someone**

1. P \_\_\_\_\_ for them to get gifts from God.
2. T \_\_\_\_\_ about their long-term best interests.
3. G \_\_\_\_\_ them what will benefit them.
4. D \_\_\_\_\_ in their happiness.