



A STUDY OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

WEEK THREE

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer, and read Galatians 5:22-23. List the fruit of the Spirit in order:

2. What command does Jesus give in Luke 6:27-28?

3. Do you have an "enemy" or person you're currently struggling to love? How faithful are you to obey the verses above concerning this person?

4. We often equate love with a feeling, but the Bible defines love as an action. How are you called to act toward your enemy in Luke 6:27-31 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-8?

5. What instructions do Exodus 23:4, Proverbs 24:17-18, Proverbs 25:21, and Romans 12:17-18, 20-21 give for treating an enemy?

6. Write out this week's memory verse and place it somewhere you will see it often (e.g., bathroom mirror, phone case, near the kitchen sink).

Scripture Memory:

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men."

~Luke 6:35

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer. What does Romans 12:19 prohibit?
2. What have you done or been tempted to do to an enemy to seek your own revenge? According to Romans 12:19, to whom does the right to vengeance belong?
3. In 1 Samuel 26:5-11, Saul has been seeking to kill David. How is David an example of not taking revenge himself, but leaving room for God's wrath?
4. What reason does Luke 6:32-36 give for treating your enemies well?
5. Write this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer. How did Jesus demonstrate love in 1 John 3:16?
 2. How does Romans 5:6-10 describe our condition when Christ died for us? (Notice specifically verse ten)
 3. As Jesus is in the process of dying for sinners/enemies (you included), what does He say in Luke 23:34?
 4. Read Colossians 2:13-14. What was canceled out on your behalf through Jesus' death on the cross? From what have you been forgiven? If you have not yet received this forgiveness, it is offered to you now.
 5. Write this week's memory verse below:
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DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer. How does Ephesians 4:32 call you to forgive? What does this look like?

2. What question does Peter ask of Jesus in Matthew 18:21-22, and what is Jesus' response?

3. Explain the story Jesus tells in Matthew 18:23-35, where God is the landowner and we are the slaves:

4. What reason does Matthew 18:33 give for extending forgiveness to others, even if your anger is justified?

5. Write this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer. In Psalm 143, how does David depict the distress caused by his enemies? What does he ask God for, and what actions does he take?

 2. In the midst of distress, where do Psalm 59:16-17 and Psalm 61:1-4 say you can find hope?

 3. When dealing with an enemy, what hope does 2 Samuel 22:47-51 give you?

 4. As you trust in the Lord and do right, what promise can you cling to regarding enemies in Psalm 18:16-19?

 5. Write this week's memory verse below:
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