

FRUIT *of*
the SPIRIT



The fruit of the Spirit is
LOVE, JOY, PEACE,
PATIENCE, KINDNESS,
GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,
GENTLENESS & SELF-CONTROL.

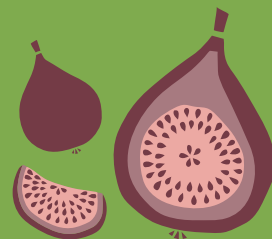


GALATIANS 5:22-23



Love is not so much a character trait as the inner disposition of the soul that produces them all.

- Jerry Bridges



AGAPE – LOVE

To serve a person for their good and intrinsic value, not for what the person brings you.

Counterfeit – Selfish affection. Rescuing someone but really rescuing self. Attracted not to a person, but to how this person's love makes you feel about yourself.

as defined by Tim Keller



5 TRUTHS ABOUT LOVE

1. God loved us first.
2. God's love is _____ and _____ in Jesus.
3. To show _____ is to _____ like Jesus.
4. If we don't love _____ we don't _____ love God.
5. We can _____ for our love to _____.

1 JOHN 4:19

We love because he loved us first.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends.

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1 Corinthians 13 in terms of motivational statements, might sound something like this:

- I am patient with you because I love you and want to forgive you.
- I am kind to you because I love you and want to help you.

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1 Corinthians 13 in terms of motivational statements, they might sound something like this:

- I do not envy your possessions or your gifts because I love you and want you to have the best.
- I do not boast about my attainments because I love you and want to hear about yours.

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1 Corinthians 13 in terms of motivational statements, they might sound something like this:

- I am not proud because I love you and want to esteem you before myself.
- I am not rude because I love you and care about your feelings.

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1 Corinthians 13 in terms of motivational statements, they might sound something like this:

- I am not self-seeking because I love you and want to meet your needs.
- I am not easily angered by you because I love you and want to overlook your offenses.

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1 Corinthians 13 in terms of motivational statements, they might sound something like this:

- I do not keep a record of your wrongs because I love you.

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1 JOHN 4:7-11

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Everyone who loves has become a child of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

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9 Here is how God showed his love among us. He sent his one and only Son into the world. He sent him so we could receive life through him.

1 JOHN 4:7-11

10 Here is what love is. It is not that we loved God. It is that he loved us and sent his Son to give his life to pay for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God loved us this much, we should also love one another.

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1 JOHN 3:16–18

16 We know what love is because Jesus Christ gave his life for us. So we should give our lives for our brothers and sisters.

1 JOHN 3:16–18

17 Suppose someone sees a brother or sister in need and is able to help them. And suppose that person doesn't take pity on these needy people. Then how can the love of God be in that person?

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18 Dear children, don't just talk about love. Put your love into action. Then it will truly be love.

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1 JOHN 4:20–21

20 Suppose someone claims to love God but hates a brother or sister. Then they are a liar. They don't love their brother or sister, whom they have seen. So they can't love God, whom they haven't seen. 21 Here is the command God has given us. Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

HEBREWS 13:1

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.

ROMANS 12:10

Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves.

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1 THESSALONIANS 3:12

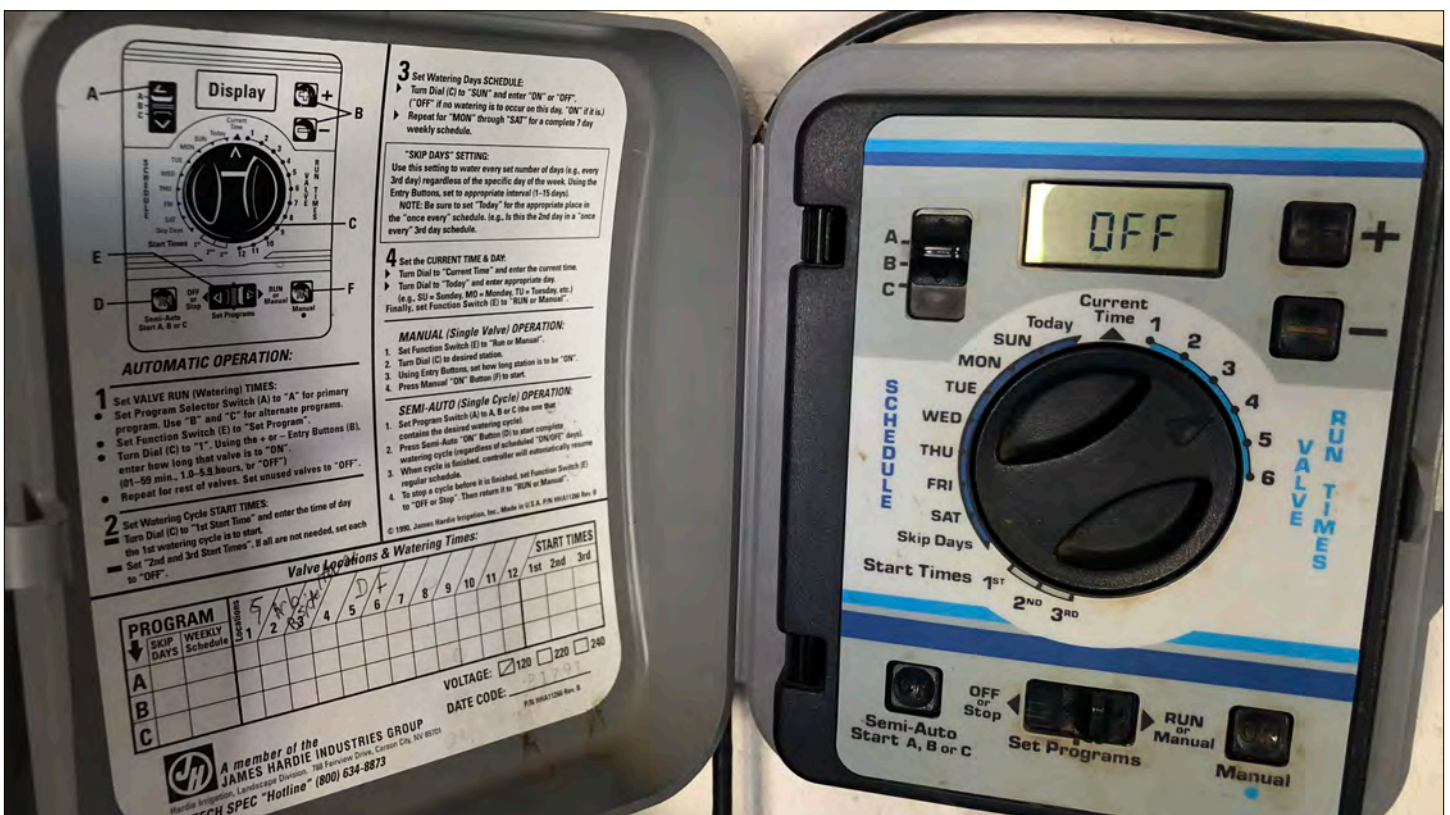
May the Lord make your love grow. May it be like a rising flood. May your love for one another increase. May it also increase for everyone else. May it be just like our love for you.

GALATIANS 5:16; 25; 6:8

16 So I say, live by the Holy Spirit's power. Then you will not do what your desires controlled by sin want you to do

25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

6:8 ... Others plant to please the Holy Spirit. From the Spirit they will harvest eternal life.







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