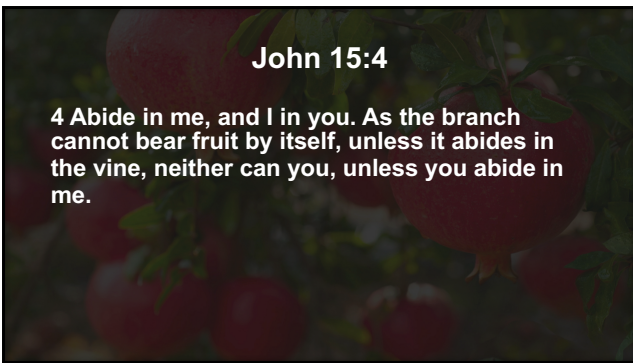




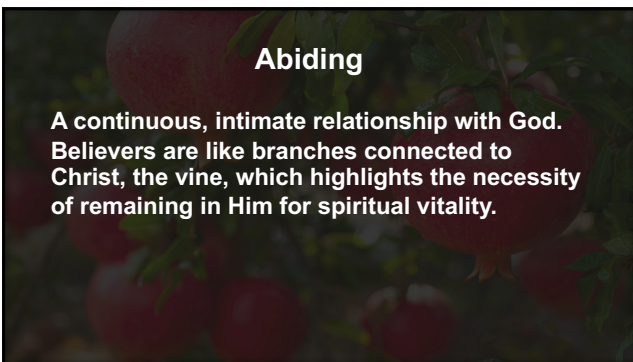
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Abiding

A continuous, intimate relationship with God. Believers are like branches connected to Christ, the vine, which highlights the necessity of remaining in Him for spiritual vitality.

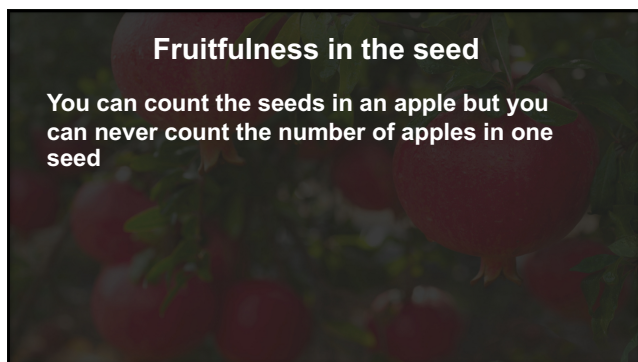


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Fruit of Spirit and Acts of The Flesh

Acts of Flesh	Source	Fruit of Spirit
Sexual Immorality, Impurity, Debauchery, Orgies, Drunkenness	Body	Joy Self-Control
Idolatry, Witchcraft	Spirit	Faithfulness Goodness
Hatred, Fits of Rage	Soul	Love Gentleness
Selfish Ambition, Jealousy, Envy, Discord, Dissensions, Factions	Soul	Peace Patience Kindness

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1 Corinthians 13:13

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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Romans 5:2-5

2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

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Romans 5:2-5

4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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Hope and Joy interconnected to Love

Hope is the key to joy in tribulation, and joy feeds our endurance, and endurance strengthens our ability to love

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Faith is looking to Jesus with the eyes of our heart

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Romans 8:23-25

23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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Love "agape" is greater because it is defined as God's life giving way of interacting with others. Love is other-oriented.

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

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1 Corinthians 13:4-8

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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Love is patient, kind, and selfless, and it never fails. It is the driving force behind all Christian action and the evidence of genuine faith.

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1 John 4:16

So we have come to know and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

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Fresh Experience of Goodness

“The believer is in spiritual danger if he allows himself to go for any length of time without tasting of the love of Christ... When Christ ceases to fill the heart with satisfaction, our souls will go in silent search of other lovers”

- John Piper

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We walk in God's love By Abiding in the Holy Spirit

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Four Loves - C.S. Lewis

1. Storge (Affection)
2. Philia (Friendship)
3. Eros (Romantic)
4. Agape (Love of God)

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Storge (Affection)

Affection covers an array of loves. Like animals, the care of mother to babe is a picture of affection. It relies on the expected and the familiar "Affection almost slinks or seeps through our lives...It lives with humble, un-dress, private things; soft slippers, old clothes, old jokes, the thump of a sleepy dog's tail on the kitchen floor..." Affection can sit alongside other loves and often does

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Storge (Affection)

Affection for things: animals, objects, places, food , culture, music, town, city, landscape

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Storge (Affection)

1. Christian Musical Styles
2. Bible version
3. Idiosyncrasy of church, minister/ministry
4. American Culture
5. Home Town, Home State
6. US Form of Government or History

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Philia (Friendship)

1. Friends walk side by side
2. Friendship is freely given
3. Friendship is not jealous
4. Friendship is necessarily exclusive
5. Friendship is never enough

“Friendship, then, like the other natural loves, is unable to save himself . . . it must . . . invoke the divine protection if it hopes to remain sweet.”

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1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

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James 4:4

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship [**Philia**] with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

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John 15:19

19 If you were of the world, the world would love [Phileo] you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

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God's love

God's love is unconditional, eternal, and unchanging, while human love is often conditional, temporary, and can fluctuate based on circumstances. Additionally, God's love is sacrificial and seeks the best for others, whereas human love can be self-centered and limited

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