

## A Fruitful Season - Part 4

### What Matters Most - Part 2

**But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.** There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

**Galatians 5:22-26 (NLT)**

*If you are a follower of Christ Jesus, it makes no difference whether you are circumcised or not. All that matters is your faith that makes you love others.*

**Galatians 5:6 (CEV)**

*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 (NLT)**

### What is love and what is it not?

- **Love is a command, not a feeling.**

*I am writing to remind you, dear friends that we should love one another. This is not a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning. Love means doing what God has commanded us, and He has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning.*

**2 John 1:5-6 (NLT)**

- **Love is a choice, not something uncontrollable.**

*Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it—because it does.*

**1 Corinthians 14:1a (MSG)**

- **Love is an action, not mere words.**

*Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.*

**1 John 3:18 (TLB)**

- **Love is a commitment, not self-satisfaction.**

*Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. **God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.** Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. **But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is***

**brought to full expression in us.** And God has given us his Spirit as proof that we live in him and he in us. Furthermore, we have seen with our own eyes and now testify that the Father sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. All who declare that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them, and they live in God. **We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect.** So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. **Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love.** We love each other because he loved us first. If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

**1 John 4:7-20 (NLT)**

Keep company with God and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something back but to give everything of Himself to us. Love like that.

**Ephesians 5:1b-2 (MSG)**

**Love's true definition is personal self-sacrifice!**

- **The most desired gift of love is focused attention.**

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God.

**Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)**

**The best time to love is now.**

Whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone...

**Galatians 6:10 (NLT)**

Whenever you possibly can do good to those who need it. Never tell your neighbor to wait until tomorrow if you can help them now.

**Proverbs 3:27-28 (GN)**

Use every chance you have for doing good, because these are evil times.

**Ephesians 5:16 (NCV)**