

The Fruit of the Spirit – Love

Galatian 5:22-23 (NET)

The Kingdom of God word (Galatians 5:14)

- Eros – based on beauty.
- Storge – based on bloodline.
- Philia – based on likes.
- Agape – based on nothing.

Agape does not require value – it imparts value.

Importance of Love in the Kingdom of God

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)

1 Corinthians 14:1 (TLB)

Matthew 5:23-24

John 13:34-35

Matthew 22:36-39

Galatians 5:6

Practical Examples of Love Today (1 John 3:16; 1 John 4:10-11)

1. No one can do our growing for us, but we do grow better together.
2. God's love through us notifies and values those around us.
3. Christ-like leaders care more about their people than their positions.

4. Even though we may disagree, we keep trying to find common ground.
5. We always elevate service to others over personal entitlement.

How Do We Get Love Inside Us

1. Understand the depth of God's love for you. (Ephesians 3:17-19; Luke 7:36-47)
2. Receive God's love. (1 John 4:19; Romans 5:8)
Capacity to love comes from receiving love.
3. Choose to love. (Colossians 3:14)
Choices lead. Feelings follow. (Matthew 6:21)
Whatever I love becomes an obsession.
Whatever I become obsessed with I imitate.
Whatever I imitate I become.
What I love changes me into the image of what I love.

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