



SUPERNATURAL LIVING FOR everyday life

A DISCIPLINE SERIES ON THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

PART 2: Love

Portland

The best measuring stick for our
growth as disciples is not how
hard we try or how involved we get
or how spiritually gifted we are...
it's the fruit of the Spirit

John 15:5-8

I am the vine; you are the branches.
If you remain in me and I in you,
you will bear much fruit; apart from
me you can do nothing. If you do
not remain in me, you are like a
branch that is thrown away and
withered; such branches are picked
up, thrown into the fire and burned.

John 15:5-8

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.



3 Fundamental Laws of fruitful discipleship



#1 Fruit is only produced from an intimate relationship with Jesus.

"If you remain in me, you will bear much fruit; if you don't, you won't." verse 5

3 Fundamental Laws of fruitful discipleship



#2 Robust discipleship is authenticated by fruit bearing.

"Bearing much fruit is how you show yourself to be my disciples." verse 8

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#3 Prolific fruit-bearing brings glory to God.

"Abundant fruit in you is how my Father shows who he is!" VERSES 1

GALATIANS 5

"LIVE BY THE SPIRIT"
(vs. 16)

"LED BY THE SPIRIT"
(vs. 18)

"KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT"
(vs. 25)

ABIDING IN THE VINE & WALKING IN THE SPIRIT:

DAILY **OBEDIENCE** TO GOD'S WORD,
SUBMISSION TO CHRIST'S LORDSHIP
& MOMENT-BY-MOMENT
YIELDED-NESS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE FOUNDATIONAL CHARACTER
QUALITY OF JESUS...
is love.

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I'm only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13

If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

"Love never fails!"

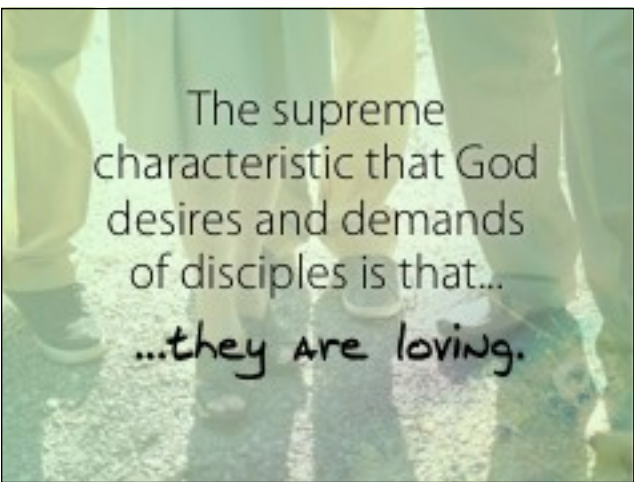
"THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE"

1 Corinthians 13:13

"God is love."

1 JOHN 4:16

"Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him."



The supreme
characteristic that God
desires and demands
of disciples is that...
...they are loving.

*"So, no matter what I say,
what I believe, and what I do,
I'm bankrupt without love."*

Apostle Paul, 1 Cor. 13:3 (MSG)

4 Words
for Love

eros
physical love

4 Words
for Love
storge
family love

4 Words
for Love
philos
love of deep affection

4 Words
for Love
agape
God's love for people

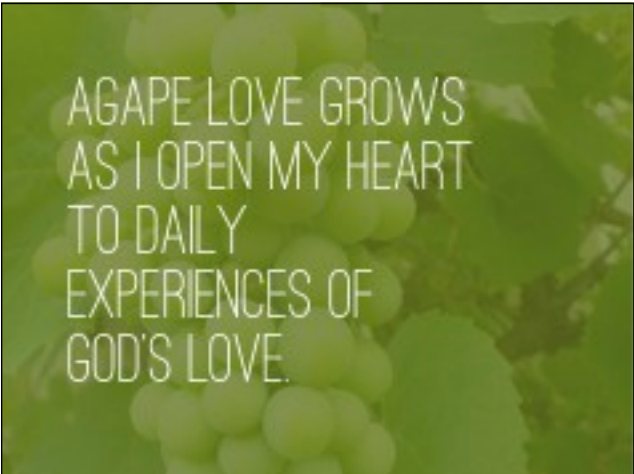
a decision of the will to love unconditionally,
regardless of feelings, perceptions or circumstances

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

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AGAPE LOVE
TAKES ROOT
AS I CONNECT
TO THE VINE.



AGAPE LOVE GROWS
AS I OPEN MY HEART
TO DAILY
EXPERIENCES OF
GOD'S LOVE.

AGAPE LOVE

WILL THRIVE AS I
MAKE EVERYDAY
CHOICES TO ACT
LOVINGLY.



Love must be
relentless, sacrificial
and demonstrable
to call it **agape love!**

"God **demonstrated** his love for
us in that while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us."

ROMANS 5:8

"Let's not just say we love; let's practice real love."

1 John 3:18

I must practice being God by relentlessly, sacrificially, demonstrably loving people until they know they've been loved!



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