

The Year of Harvest

Prayer Guide

Week 25

The Year of Harvest –Fruit of the Spirit - Love

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!.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: Since we will one day give an account before the Judgment Seat of Christ, it is important for us to understand the types of fruit that God expects to see in our lives. Jesus tells us here in John 15 that fruit is expected from the lives of those connected to Him. Paul says the same thing in Romans 7:4, that our new life in Christ is expected to bear fruit to God. This expectation of bearing fruit is only possible through the life of God living in and through us. That is why Paul uses the words, the fruit of the Spirit to describe the result in our lives of the Spirit of God living His life through us. The fruit of the Spirit is the life of God lived out through the life of a believer who is completely yielded to the influence and life of the Spirit. In Galatians 5:22-23, Paul lists nine fruits of the Spirit that are expected to be manifested through our lives. The first of these Paul lists is love. This is the Greek word agape. It is the love that God demonstrated when He sent His Son, Jesus to die for the sins of the world (John 3:16). This love is a love that desires the very best for others. It is the love that is willing to sacrifice our own will, our own well being, our own blessing in order to benefit and bless others. This love only comes from God, because God is love (1 John 4:16). We cannot say we love God, and yet despise and speak evil of our neighbors. Love does not cause division. 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 says love is patient, kind, not jealous or proud, does not demand its own way, rejoices when truth prevails, never gives up (on another person) is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance. This is the fruit that will bring great reward on the day of Judgment.

Day 1: Read the verses listed above and meditate on the importance of bearing fruit for God in our lives.

Day 2: Praise God today that through His Spirit, God can live His life of love through you.

Day 3: Examine your life today. Is your life producing the fruit of love by the Spirit?

Day 4: Yield your life to God today so that He can live His life through you and produce love in your life.

Day 5: Pray that your church would be a place where the love of God is flowing from each believer.

Day 6: Pray for other churches in your city, that they might be producing the fruit of love in their communities.

Day 7: Pray for missionaries to be filled with the love of God for those who do not yet know Christ.