

# Bearing The Fruit Of Love

*"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." John 15:8 (New King James Version)*

Galatians 5:22,23 - One \_\_\_\_\_ we must bear is \_\_\_\_\_.

## Understanding Love From God's Point Of View

- A. What we often call love is nothing more than a \_\_\_\_\_ that may be \_\_\_\_\_ for awhile, and then \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. How God wants us to understand "love":
1. Matthew 5:43,44 - Love cannot be merely a \_\_\_\_\_ if God expects us to \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_!
  2. Luke 10 - A parable of Jesus which stresses love:
    - a. vv. 25-29 - To love \_\_\_\_\_ and to love \_\_\_\_\_ were the two great commandments. But who is my \_\_\_\_\_?
    - b. Sirach 12:4 - One book of "wisdom" taught them not to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - c. vv. 30-37 - The parable taught that \_\_\_\_\_ can be a neighbor to one who is in \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. John 15:8,9 - After commanding us to \_\_\_\_\_ fruit, Jesus immediately charged us to \_\_\_\_\_ in His \_\_\_\_\_.

## How A Christian Bears The Fruit Of Love

- A. Is it love if it isn't shared?
1. 1 John 3:16-18 - The \_\_\_\_\_ act of love was Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ down His life for \_\_\_\_\_. Can we be imitators of His love if we don't \_\_\_\_\_ to others?
  2. A great example of Christian love:
    - a. Acts 11:27-29 - What else but \_\_\_\_\_ moved these brethren to send \_\_\_\_\_ to brethren in \_\_\_\_\_?
    - b. 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 - The Macedonians, though \_\_\_\_\_, begged for the opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.
    - c. 2 Corinthians 8:8 - Paul used their example to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Corinthians' love.
  3. Romans 5:8 - God \_\_\_\_\_ His love toward us. That set the \_\_\_\_\_ for all Christians of all times.
- B. Heinlein: Love means your \_\_\_\_\_ is essential to my own.

Hebrews 10:24 (NLT): "\_\_\_\_\_ of ways to \_\_\_\_\_ one another to \_\_\_\_\_ of love and good deeds."

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