

Fresh Fruit Part 2 - Sunday

September 11, 2022

Love!

Galatians 5:22-23

Galatians 5:22, But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

1 Corinthians 13:4, Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

How to Develop or Re-Develop a Sincere Love:

1. COMMUNICATE Lovingly

Ephesians 4:29, Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 5:33, However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

2. Forgive LAVISHLY

Ephesians 4:32, Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Matthew 18:21, Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times,

but seventy-seven times.

3. Create an Atmosphere of FUN

Proverbs 15:13, A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.

Proverbs 17:22, A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.

4. Practice Consistent KINDNESS

Ephesians 4:31, Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

Colossians 3:19, Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

5. Encourage Each Other DAILY

Philippians 4:8, Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

1 Peter 3:8, Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 9 Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

6. Surround Yourself With Supportive FRIENDS

Proverbs 12:26, The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray.

Proverbs 18:24, One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 27:9, Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the

pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice.