The fruit of the Spirit - Love **Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:12-13, 1 Corinthians 13: 6, John 15:12 NIV**

Read: Galatians 5:22-23 RSV But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such, there is no law.

The fruit of the Spirit is the result of the working of the Holy Spirit in a Christian's life. The fruit of the Spirit indicates the actions or deeds of a Christian affected by the Holy Spirit.

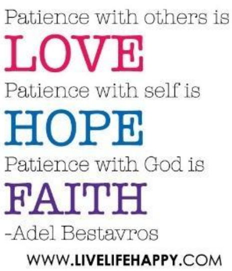
The first fruit of the Spirit mentioned is love.

Read: John 15:12-13. "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

The Lord loves us, and we must love the Lord too. Jesus tells us that we must love the Lord our God with all our heart, whole soul, whole mind and our neighbour as ourselves.

What is love?

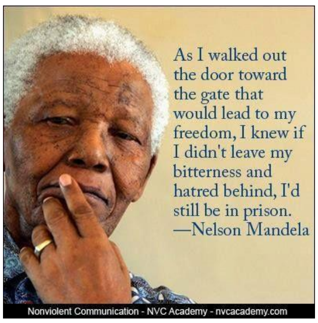
Read: 1 Corinthians 13 (New International Version) 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the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



Patience is the ability to wait and to wait with a positive attitude. As we pray to the Lord and wait for deliverance from the Lord, we must remember that the Lord's time is always the best and must wait patiently. If we teach someone something and the person does not get it right away, we must not get angry with the person. We must be patient. Adel Azer Bestravos said that patience with others is love, patience with self is hope, and patience with God is faith.

A friendly person does not always walk around with an angry face. A friendly person does not look angry all the time and does not feel angry. It's fun for other people to talk to a friendly person. A friendly person usually has a smile on their face.

A person who loves other people not only thinks of his interests all the time but puts the interests of other people first. Someone who loves others does not brag about their achievements. Someone who loves other people is not jealous and does not desire other people's possessions. If you love someone, you give the other people a place in the sun. Do you allow other people to be happy? We should rejoice with our peers for their achievements.



After Nelson Mandella was released from prison, he said that he would still be in prison if he did not leave his hatred and bitterness behind. We must forgive our fellow man for what they are doing wrong to us. If we cannot forgive our fellow man, Jesus cannot forgive our sins either.

In 1 CORINTHIANS 13: 6 we read that love rejoices in the truth. Lies always come out. If we love our neighbour we will not tell lies.

We need to go out of our way to understand our fellow man. We need to put ourselves in our friends' shoes and try to understand what they are going through. People often experience problems and go through difficult times. We need to assist them through the times and tolerate them even if they are grumpy, awkward or angry.

Remember the command of Jesus

John 15:12 NIV It is my commandment, Love one another, as I have loved you.

Die vrug van die gees: Liefde   Galasiërs 5:22, Johannes 15:12 Nlv, 1 Korintiërs 13:4 (83)

Lees: GALASIËRS 5:22 Maar die vrug wat die Gees voortbring, is: liefde, vreugde, vrede, geduld, vriendelikheid, goedheid, getrouheid,

Die vrug van die gees is die resultaat van die werking van die Heilige Gees in 'n Christen se lewe. Die vrug van die gees dui op aksies of dade van 'n Christen wat deur die Heilige Gees bewerkstellig word.

Die eerste vrug van die gees wat genoem word is liefde.

JOHANNES 15:12 NLV Dit is my opdrag: Julle moet mekaar liefhê soos Ek julle liefgehad het.

Die Here het ons lief en ons moet die Here ook lief hê. Jesus se vir ons dat ons die Here onse God moet lief hê met ons hele hart hele siel jou hele verstand en ons naaste soos onsself.

Wat is die liefde?

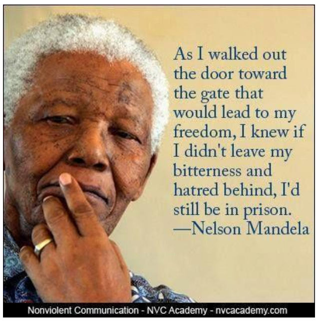
1 KORINTIËRS 13:4 (83) [4] Die liefde is geduldig, die liefde is vriendelik; dit is nie afgunstig nie, is nie grootpraterig nie, is nie verwaand nie.[5]Dit handel nie onwelvoeglik nie, soek nie sy eie belang nie, is nie liggeraak nie, hou nie boek van die kwaad nie.[6]Dit verbly hom nie oor onreg nie, maar verheug hom oor die waarheid.[7]Dit bedek alles, glo alles, hoop alles, verdra alles.

Geduld is die vermoë om te wag en om te wag met 'n positiewe gesindheid. As ons vir die Here bid en wag vir uitkoms vanaf die Here moet ons onthou dat die Here se tyd altyd die beste tyd is en dat ons geduldig moet wag. Indien ons iemand iets leer en die persoon kry dit nie dadelik reg nie moet ons nie vir die persoon kwaad word nie ons moet geduldig wees. Adel Bestravos het gesê dat

geduld met ander is **liefde** , geduld met self is **hoop**, en geduld met God is **geloof**.

'n Vriendelike persoon loop nie heeltyd met 'n suur gesig rond nie. 'n Vriendelike persoon lyk nie die heeltyd kwaad en voel hierdie heeltyd kwaad nie. Dit is vir ander mense lekker om met 'n vriendelike persoon te praat. 'n Vriendelike persoon het gewoonlik 'n glimlag op sy gesig. As jy lief is vir iemand is jy net die heeltyd kwaad vir daardie persoon nie.

'n Persoon wat ander mense liefhet dink nie net heeltyd aan sy eie belange nie maar plaas die belange van ander mense eerste. Iemand wat ander liefhet praat nie die heeltyd groot en spog met sy eie prestasies nie. Iemand wat ander mense lief het is nie jaloers en begeer nie ander mense se besittings nie. Indien jy iemand liefhet gun jy die ander mense ’n plekkie in die son. Gun jy ander mense om gelukkig te wees. Ons moet saam met ons maats bly wees met hulle prestasies.



Nadat Nelson Mandella vrygelaat is uit die tronk, het gesê dat as hy nie sy haat en bitterheid agterlaat nie, is hy nog steeds in die tronk.   Ons moet ons medemens vergewe vir dit wat hulle verkeerd doen aan ons. As ons nie ons medemens kan vergewe nie, kan Jesus ook nie ons sondes vergewe nie.

In 1 KORINTIËRS 13:6 lees ons dat die liefde verheug is oor die waarheid. Leuens kom altyd uit. Indien ons lief is vir ons naaste sal ons nie leuens vertel nie.

In 1 KORINTIËRS 13:7 word onder andere geskryf dat liefde alles verdra. Ons moet uit ons pad gaan om ons medemens te verstaan. Ons moet onsself in ons maats se skoene plaas en probeer verstaan waardeur hulle gaan. Mense ondervind baie keer probleme en gaan deur swaar tye. Ons moet hulle bystaan deur die tye en hulle verdra al is hulle nors, ongeskik of kwaad.

Onthou die opdrag van Jesus

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