

The Virtues (Fruit) of the Spirit

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LOVE (**ἀγάπη** – unselfish giving without expecting anything in return) – not like the selfish “love” commonly heard in popular music, which usually is interpreted as nothing more than selfish physical desire. **Mark 12:30,31** “And thou shalt **love** the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31- And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt **love** thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.” KJV (**Also: Luke 10:25-37**) **Mat. 5:43,44** “Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt **love** thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44- But I say unto you, **Love** your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;” **John 15:12,13** “This is my commandment, That ye **love** one another, as I have **loved** you. 13- Greater **love** hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” **Eph. 5: 25-27** “Husbands, **love** your wives, even as Christ also **loved** the church, and gave himself for it; 26- That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27- That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” **Luke 14:13,14** “But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14- And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.” KJV

1Corinthians 13 -- 1 “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity (**ἀγάπη** love), I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2- And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity (**ἀγάπη** love), I am nothing. 3- And though I bestow all my goods to feed the

poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity (**ἀγάπη** love), it profiteth me nothing. 4- Charity (**ἀγάπη** love) suffereth long (patient), and is kind; charity (**ἀγάπη** love) envieth not; charity (**ἀγάπη** love) vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5- Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; 6- Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7- Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8- Charity (**ἀγάπη** love) never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9- For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10- But when that which is perfect (complete) is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11- When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12- For now we see through a glass (mirror), darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 13- And now abideth faith, hope, charity (**ἀγάπη** love), these three; but the greatest of these is charity (**ἀγάπη** love).” KJV

There are many different kinds of relationships, and many different ways that a person is supposed to express the **love** they have in each case. But, at the foundation of every relationship, there must be an absence of selfishness, which is the opposite of **love**. True **love** cannot exist while a person is unwilling to self-sacrifice.

It is interesting how, when parents have children, God selects the child to go with the parents. Parents have no say whatsoever in the selection of which child they get. It used to be that way in the selection of marriage partners, years ago. Parents used to select the marriage partner for each of their children. But, in modern times, that way of thinking is considered old-fashioned, and most things that are considered old-fashioned are treated as obsolete, inferior and foolish. However, most people in modern times don't know that the age-old time-tested way of selecting marriage partners produced practically divorce-free marriages. (See 1971 film: "Fiddler On The Roof")

It is the modern way of marriage selection, which is usually based on selfish desire rather than selfless true **love**. It is full of unstable wishy-washy self-centered marital commitment. It is the United States, the example of the modern life-style that has the highest divorce rate in the world. Isn't it sad how so many people immigrate to the US trying to get economic prosperity, but they fail to realize that they have to flush their family-life down the toilet in order to get that prosperity? After all, what is worth more, a little extra money, or a stable family and a stable marriage?

JOY (χαρά – gladness, delight, happiness) - [Luke 15:10](#) “Likewise, I say unto you, there is **joy** in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.” [John 15:9-12](#) “As the Father hath **loved** me, so have I **loved** you: continue ye (y'all) in my **love**. 10- If ye (y'all) keep my commandments, ye (y'all) shall abide in my **love**; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his **love**. 11- These things have I spoken unto you, that my **joy** might remain in you, and that your **joy** might be

full. 12- This is my commandment, That ye (y'all) **love** one another, as I have **loved** you." 3John 1:4 "I have no greater **joy** than to hear that my children walk in truth." 1Peter 4:13 "But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye (y'all) may be glad also with exceeding **joy**." 1Peter 1:8 "Whom having not seen, ye (y'all) **love**; in whom, though now ye (y'all) see him not, yet believing, ye (y'all) rejoice with **joy** unspeakable and full of glory:" Philippians 2:2 "Fulfil ye (y'all) my **joy**, that ye (y'all) be likeminded, having the same **love**, being of one accord, of one mind." Hebrews 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the **joy** that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." This **joy** is not based on economic prosperity. This kind of happiness cannot be bought with money or obtained by having an attractive spouse.

PEACE (εἰρήνη - harmony, concord, quietness, rest, calmness, no conflict) - Romans 5:1 "Therefore being justified by **faith**, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:" (Also: Rom. 3:10-19) Psalms 37:11 "But the **meek** shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of **peace**." Psalms 119:165 "Great **peace** have they which **love** thy law: and nothing shall offend them." Prov. 3:13-17 "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. 14- For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. 15- She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. 16- Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. 17- Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are **peace**." John 14:27 "**Peace** I leave with you, my **peace** I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 16:33 "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye (y'all) might have **peace**. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Mat. 5:9 "Blessed are the **peacemakers**: for they shall be called the children of God." Conflict and war are an external lack of peace. But, the most important **peace** is within the spirit of each person, especially when a person has calm circumstances and yet usually their mind is still in turmoil. God is the one who gives this **peace** to everyone who **loves** and obeys Him.

LONGSUFFERING (μακροθυμία - patiently enduring continuing hardship, patience) - Eph. 4:2,3 "With all lowliness and **meekness**, with **longsuffering**, forbearing one another in **love**; 3- Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of **peace**." Col. 3:12-15 "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies (tender compassion), kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, **longsuffering**; 13- Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye (y'all). 14- And above all these things put on charity (love), which is the bond of perfectness. 15- And let the **peace** of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye (y'all)

thankful.” Mat. 5:10-12 “Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11- Blessed are ye (y'all), when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12- Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” 1Peter 2:20 “For what glory is it, if, when ye (y'all) be buffeted (struck) for your faults, ye (y'all) shall take it patiently? but if, when ye (y'all) do well, and **suffer** for it, ye (y'all) take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.” When people base their relationships on selfish desire, they can never have **patience** for anyone or anything.

GENTLENESS, GOODNESS (χρηστοτης, αγαθωσυνη) (kindness) – Rom 15:14 “And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye (y'all) also are full of **goodness**, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.” Col 3:12-15 “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels (inward affection) of mercies (tender compassion), **kindness**, humbleness of mind, **meekness, long-suffering**; 13- Forbearing (patiently tolerating) one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye (y'all). 14- And above all these things put on charity (**αγάπη love**), which is the bond of perfect-ness. 15- And let the **peace** of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye (y'all) are called in one body; and be ye (y'all) thankful.” Eph 5:9 “For the fruit of the Spirit is in all **goodness** and righteousness and truth;”

FAITH (πιστις – belief, trust, confidence, fidelity, faithfulness) - Mat 8:10 “.....when Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great **faith**, no, not in Israel.” Mat. 8:26-27 “.....and he saith unto them, Why are ye (y'all) fearful, O ye (y'all) of little **faith**? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. 27- But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!” Luke 17:5,6 “And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our **faith**. 6- And the Lord said, If ye had **faith** as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.” Eph 6:16 “Above all, taking the shield of **faith**, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” 1Tim 6:12 “Fight the good fight of **faith**, lay hold on eternal life,” Without **faith**, primarily in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, there is no salvation. Without **faith** in a marriage, there can be no commitment. Marriages without **faithfulness** usually end in divorce.

MEEKNESS (πραοτης – humility, humbleness, no vainglory, no vanity) - Eph 4:1-3 “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2- With all lowliness and **meekness**, with **longsuffering**, forbearing one another in **love**; 3- Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of **peace**.” 1Tim 6:10-11 “For the love of money is the root of all evil: which

while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11- But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, **faith, love, patience, meekness.**" 2Tim 2:25 "In **meekness** instructing those that oppose themselves; if God perhaps will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;" The opposite of this is obnoxious, offensive arrogance, which everyone hates when others show it to them.

TEMPERANCE (εγκρατεια – self control, restraint, sobriety, overcoming the lower nature) - 2Peter 1:5-8 "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your **faith** virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6- And to knowledge **temperance**; and to **temperance** patience; and to patience godliness; 7- And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness **charity** (**ἀγάπη** love). 8- For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye (y'all) shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Act 24:25 "And as he reasoned of righteous-ness, **temperance**, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season (time), I will call for thee."

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If you read and **memorize** these verses from the Bible, and meditate on them regularly, you will discover that they will change your character. You will become a new person, from the inside out. **Memorizing** these verses is of utmost importance. Only when you **memorize** them will they become part of you.

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