

## SpiritFruit

Lesson Two • 1Corinthians 13

### The SpiritFruit of Love

#### What Is the SpiritFruit of Love?

Love is the Christ-like response to all PEOPLE in all things at all times.

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

#### Bearing the SpiritFruit of Love:

### 1. Without Love, I Am NOTHING!

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 1Corinthians 13:1-3 NIV*

#### **How Crucial Is Love?**

Love is greater than every spiritual GIFT and every spiritual ACT.

### 2. With Love, I Am Most Like CHRIST!

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

#### **Christ-like Love's Choice:**

- Christ-like love is PATIENT.
- Christ-like love is KIND.

- Christ-like love does not ENVY.
- Christ-like love does not BOAST.
- Christ-like love is not PROUD.

#### **Christ-like Love's Refusal:**

- Christ-like love does not DISHONOR others.
- Christ-like love is not SELF-SEEKING.
- Christ-like love is not easily ANGERED.
- Christ-like love keeps no records of WRONGS suffered.

#### **Christ-like Love's Outlook:**

- Christ-like love does not delight in EVIL.
- Christ-like love rejoices in the TRUTH.

#### **Christ-like Love's Endurance:**

- Christ-like love always PROTECTS.
- Christ-like love always TRUSTS.
- Christ-like love always HOPES.
- Christ-like love always PERSEVERES.

#### Why Love Is the Difference-Maker:

Love never FAILS—it is supreme!

*Love never fails...And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1Corinthians 13:8, 13 NIV*