

*“ But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”*

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

6. **Love** is for sharing, not for storing

7. **Love** withheld has no value

8. Some of the most powerful gifts of **love** are small and done in secret

Fruit

- tastes good
- satisfies
- is desirable
- meets needs

Radical Love

Radical: Thorough or extreme, especially from accepted or traditional forms. A person who holds or follows strong convictions or extreme principles.

“It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his **love**.” John 13:1 (NIV)

What is the most loving thing you can do right now?

1. The full extent of Jesus' love was an extravagant love, one that cannot be paid back.

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“A new command I give you: **Love** one another. As I have **loved** you, so you must **love** one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love** one another.”

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

2. A borrowed belief will have no power in your life

3. God's love was demonstrated, then expected to be lived out

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:1-5 (NIV)

4. To **love** like Jesus I must cooperate with His purposes

5. Learn to stay connected to God; He wants to spend time with you

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<p>1. That which <u>controls</u> or <u>consumes</u> me</p>	<p>1. That which has the ability to <u>produce</u> more</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>pain</u> ▪ <u>failures</u> ▪ <u>experiences</u>
<p>2. An <u>attitude</u> or <u>behavior</u> affecting my life</p> <p>"And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hebrews 12:5-6 (NLT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>pride</u> ▪ <u>fear</u> ▪ <u>jealousy</u> ▪ <u>unforgiveness</u> ▪ _____ 	<p>2. God prefers <u>fruit</u> bearing over <u>growth</u></p> <p>"So that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God."</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Colossians 1:10 (NIV)</p>
<p>3. To move from <u>barrenness</u> to <u>fruitfulness</u></p> <p>Things that are <u>unhealthy</u></p> <p>What needs to be <u>cut off</u> in your life?</p>	<p>3. Pruning is <u>personal</u> and <u>strategic</u></p> <p>Things that are <u>healthy</u></p> <p>What needs to be <u>pruned</u> in your life?</p>