

the fruit of the spirit

(part I – love and joy)

Read Galatians 5:16-26

1. Why do you think it is important for us to live 'by the Spirit'?

love

2. In a single sentence how would you define love?

In the bible there are four different words that are translated into English as 'love'. Hopefully you can identify with each of these different types.

- storge - Family love (child ↔ parent)
- eros - Romantic / sexual love
- philia - Real love / affection between good friends
- agape - Unconditional love

3. What do we learn about love from the following passages? (Try to identify which type of love is being spoken about)

1 John 4:7-12 -

John 3:16 -

John 13:34-35 -

John 15:12-13 -

Ephesians 5:1-2 -

1 Peter 4:8 -

1 John 3:16-20 -

4. What is your natural response to people whom you find hard to love?

5. What would a biblical response be?

joy

6. In a single sentence how would you define joy?

7. What do we learn about joy from the following passages?

Psalm 16:9-11 -

Psalm 28:6-7 -

Psalm 37:3-4 -

Psalm 97:1 -

Philippians 4:4-

1 Peter 1:3-9 -

8. In what sort of circumstances do you usually find joy?

9. As Christians, what should we find joy in?

10. Why is it that we often find this hard? How can we help one another in this area?