

Discussion Questions
The Spirit's Fruit (Part 1): Love
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Galatians 5:22-23; Psalm 133

1. Describe the relationship between the singularity of the "fruit" and the plurality of the "fruits" of the Spirit. How might one "fake" specific fruits? How do you know that you or someone else is truly bearing the "fruit of the Spirit"?
2. Who does the work to make every Christian believer into a Christian believer? Who does the work to bear the fruit of the Spirit? Why is this so important to grasp? How does a grasp of this reality change the Christian's experience?
3. Where do you notice overlap and commonality between the secular world's notion of love and the spiritual fruit of love? Where do you see differences?
4. Why is it ultimately untrue to say "I love you" when you mean "I love you ... for now"?
5. Why can religious people be twice as toxic as secular people when it comes to love? Have you experienced this double toxicity? What did it do to relationships and to Christian witness before the world?
6. Christopher Wright says that "love is what enables us to fulfill God's law without legalism." Explain. How is it that we can be attentive to God's law, seek to do it, and yet not be *under* it; not be "legalistic"?
7. How does Jesus fulfill God's law of in love, without legalism?
8. What is God saying to you? What are you going to do about it? Who's going to help you?