

July 31, 2022



Christian Character: Love and Joy

Galatians 5:22-23

Four tools God gives us for change:

Pray - James 5:16

Repent - 1 Corinthians 7:10

Affirm - Psalm 119:11

Yield - Romans 7:22-23

How to cultivate love:

- Put off selfishness, pride, and resentment.
- Put on selflessness, kindness, and commitment.



How to cultivate joy:

- Put off ungratefulness, entitlement, and fear.
- Put on thanksgiving, confidence, and hope.

Romans 6:12–14 ... "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace."

Live the Word

- 1) What is the spiritual fruit you will cultivate over the next month? (Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control)

- 2) What two people will you enlist to pray for you?
A) _____ B) _____
- 3) What three Biblical stories exemplify the fruit of the Spirit you are cultivating?
A) _____
B) _____
C) _____
- 4) Write out the area of your will you are struggling with against God. Struggle to surrender it to Him.
- 5) Write out a prayer to repeat over the next month to ask God to give you growth.