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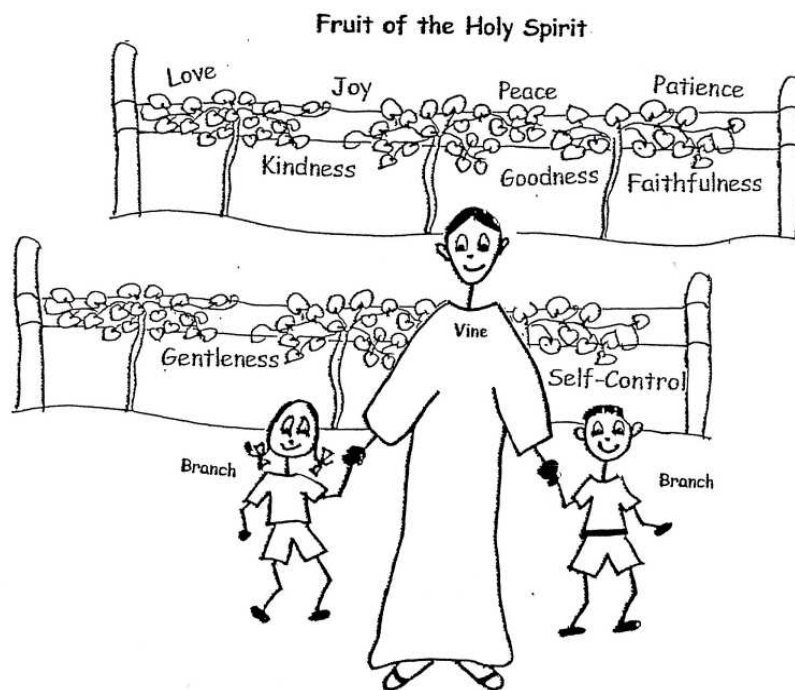
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# Qualities That Make Up the Fruit of the Spirit

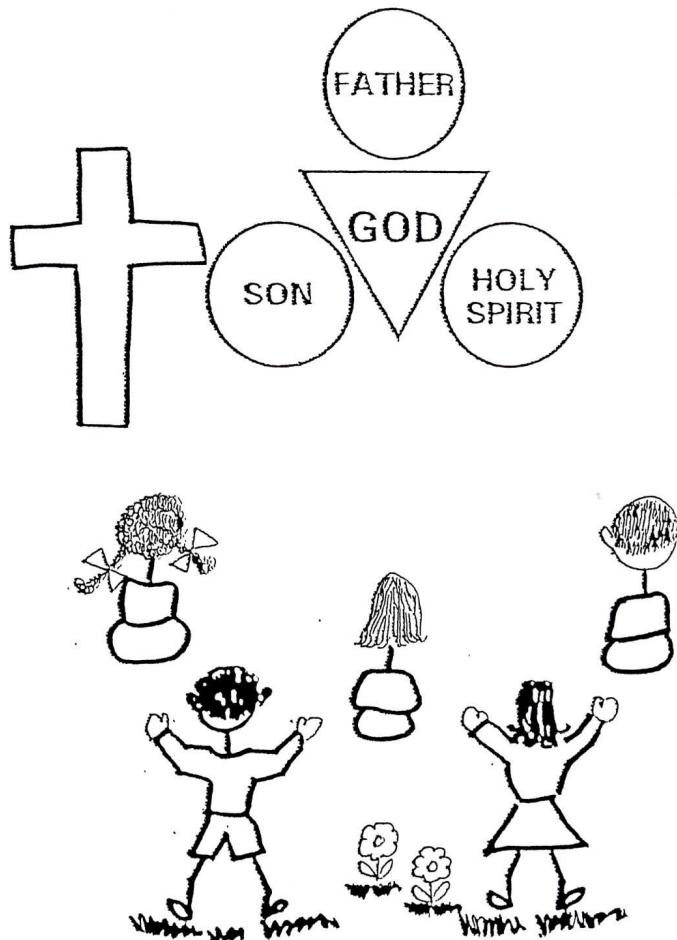
The fruit of the Spirit is shown by the life of Jesus Christ. It is shown by His attitude and behavior. The Lord Jesus Christ had supernatural qualities. In other words, He was filled with the Holy Spirit and had the power of the Holy Spirit. The Lord Jesus Christ had the fruit of the Spirit! He teaches us how to have the same supernatural qualities!

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law [we don't do works to gain them; we study and the Holy Spirit changes us]



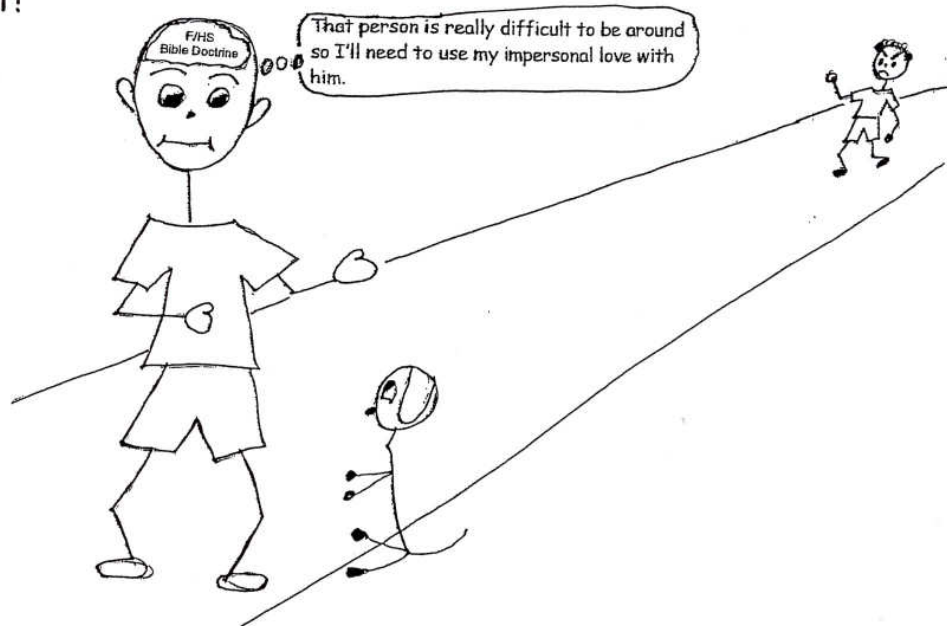
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The first part of the fruit of the Spirit is **LOVE**. We are to have **personal love** for *God*. That means that we are to love Him because of Who He is. In order to do that, we have to learn through Bible doctrine Who God is. We can't love Him until we know Him. The more we learn about *God*, the more we learn to love Him. The more we love Him, the more thankful we are to *God* for all that He is and does. We will see that *God* is completely worthy of our love. There is nothing unlovable about Him! This **LOVE** is part of the fruit of the Spirit.



## Impersonal Love

We are to have **impersonal love** for all mankind. "What?" you say. "That's impossible!" Not so when the Holy Spirit is changing us spiritually as we learn and believe Bible doctrine. He gives us the part of the fruit called **LOVE**. This includes impersonal love for all mankind. Impersonal love means that we treat others well because we have the filling of the Holy Spirit, and the thinking of Jesus Christ. Impersonal love does not depend on what we think of the other people, if we like them or dislike them. It does not depend on how they act or treat us. It does depend on us abiding in the Vine, being filled with the Holy Spirit and using the thinking of the Lord Jesus Christ!



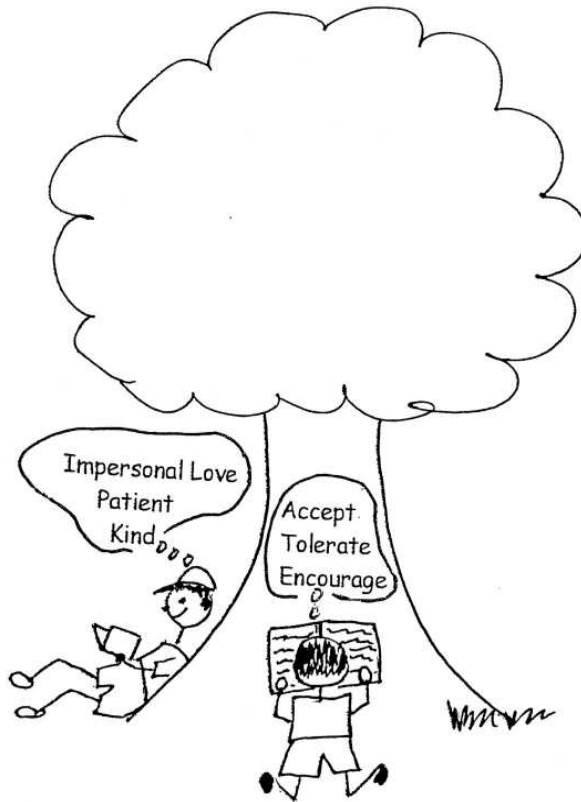
Romans 5:5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, Whom He has given us.

When we use **impersonal love** we stay away from mental attitude sins. Mental attitude sins are thoughts that don't line up with the thinking of Christ, Bible doctrine. An example would be being angry with someone and wanting to get even. Instead, we are thoughtful of others, have good manners, and avoid sins of the tongue. We relax and don't judge others.



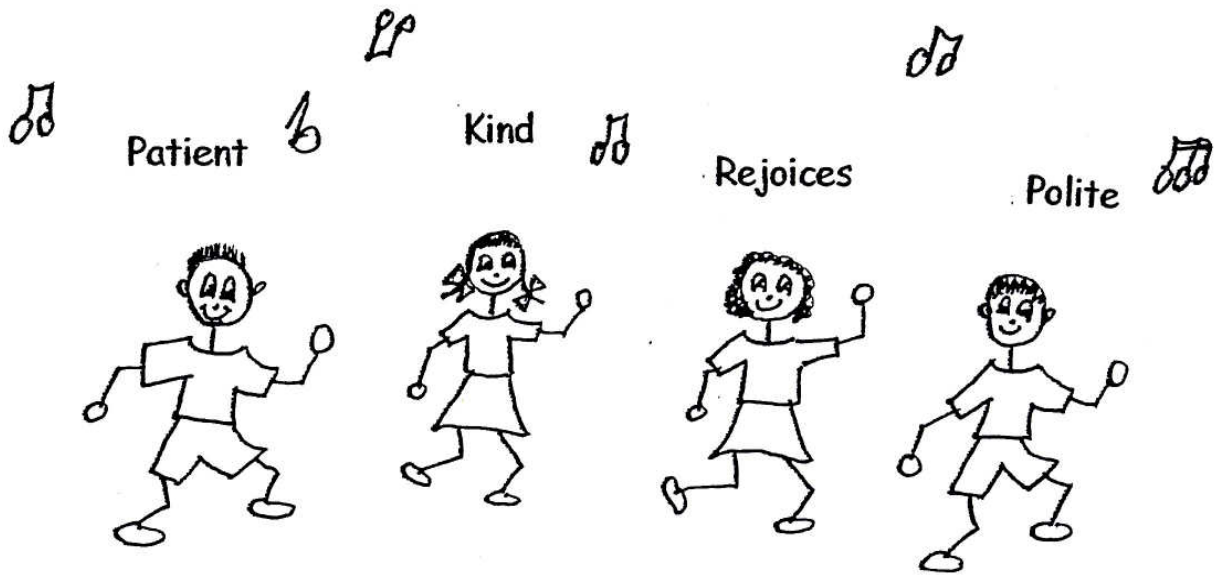
1 Corinthians 2:16 For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.

When we use **impersonal love** we accept and tolerate people as we find them. We don't judge people and put them down. We encourage them and build them up. This **LOVE** is part of the fruit of the Spirit. It takes learning, believing, and using Bible doctrine to get impersonal love. Sooo, keep on gaining wisdom and therefore, impersonal love for all mankind! Now that's a relaxing thought!!



**1 Corinthians 13:4-8** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy [have jealousy], it does not brag, it is not proud [arrogant]. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking...

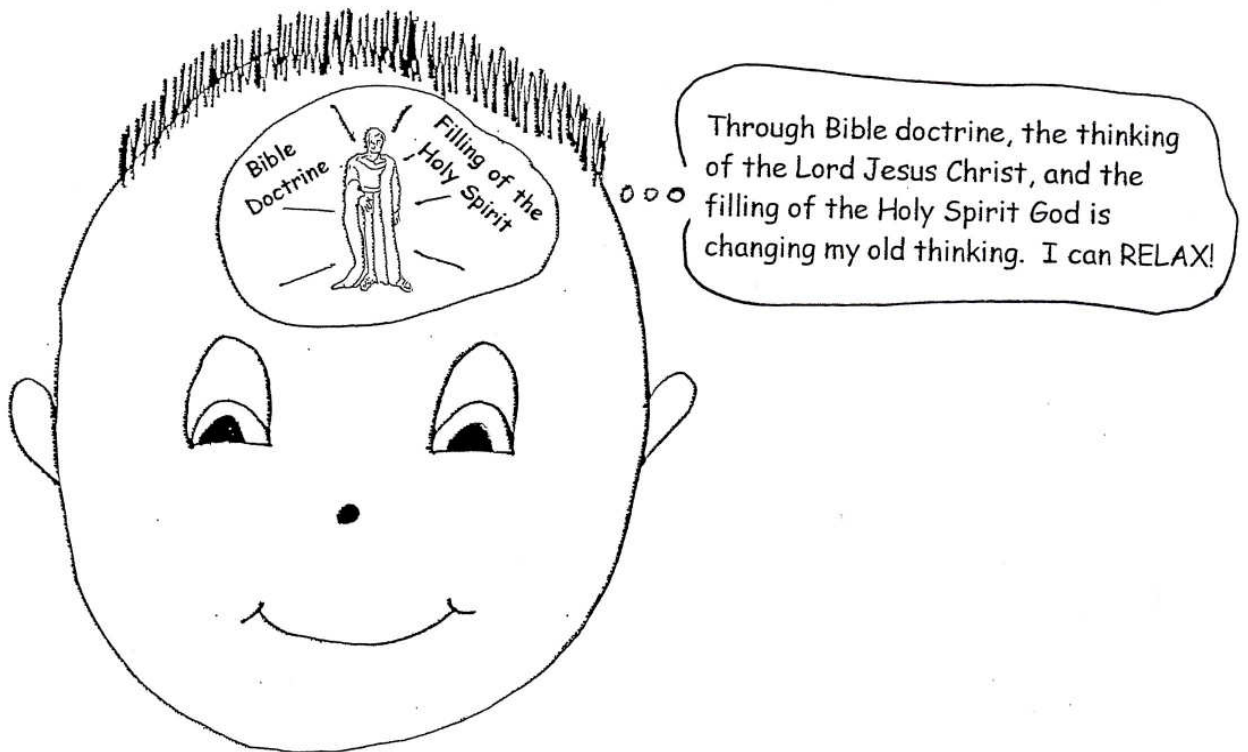
... it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.  
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.



It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.



This kind of love takes being filled with the Holy Spirit and learning, believing, and using Bible doctrine! Who would not want this love or fruit??? We don't make it, God makes it in us. This is a DIVINE CHARACTERISTIC! It can't be produced by human efforts or works. We don't need to put in strenuous self effort. It is produced in us through the Holy Spirit. LET'S TAKE IN BIBLE DOCTRINE AND RELAX!



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