

John 13:35 NIV

**“By this all men will know
that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.”**

**In the moment when the
rotten unholy fruit of my
frustration and rudeness
leaks out, I can forget
that how I treat others
can spoil the whole
Christian barrel**

**“Discipleship Essentials:
Love Isn’t . . .”**

-- Part 3 of 5 sermons –

I Corinthians 13:4-6

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**Sometimes the best way
to describe something is
to define what it isn't**

Love does not envy

Paul's description of the unholy fruit of darkness starts with the condition that led to Satan's fall

**How does envy show up
in the lives of Jesus'
disciples?**

**--Luke 22:24-27--Upper
Room**

**--Mark 10:35-45--James
and John**

Loves doesn't boast
does not parade itself (NKJV)

Love isn't proud (phusa,
"bellows")
not puffed up (NKJV)

How did Jesus respond to these unholy fruit in the lives of his disciples?

Luke 22:31-34
Upper Room with Peter

Loves isn't rude
Love isn't self-seeking
does not seek its own

Mark 10:45 NIV

Jesus said, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

“Christ Himself did not suppress one word of truth, but He spoke it always in love.

**He exercised the greatest
tact, and thoughtful, kind
attention in His
intercourse with the
people.**

He was never rude, never needlessly spoke a severe word, never gave needless pain to a sensitive soul.

He did not censure human weakness. He fearlessly denounced hypocrisy, unbelief, and iniquity,

**but tears were in His
voice as He uttered His
scathing rebukes.”**

-- *Desire of Ages*, 353--

Love isn't easily angered

not provoked (KKJV)

doesn't keep record of

wrongs (doesn't keep score)

thinks no evil (KKJV)

doesn't delight in evil

does not rejoice in iniquity (NKJV)

**What did teach about
how His disciples should
respond to mistreatment
by others?**

Matthew 5:38-45
Sermon on the Mount

Lastly,

**“Love does not delight in
evil but rejoices with the
truth.”**

**So how do we replace the
unholy rotten fruit of
darkness with the life-
giving fruit of God's
Spirit?**

2 Peter 1:2-4 NKJV

**Grace and peace be
multiplied to you in the
knowledge of God and of
Jesus our Lord,**

**as His divine power has
given to us all things that
pertain to life and
godliness,**

**through the knowledge of
Him who called us by
glory and virtue, by which
have been given to us
exceedingly great and
precious promises,**

**that through these you
may be partakers of the
divine nature, having
escaped the corruption
that is in the world
through lust.”**

“In the lives of those who are partakers of the divine nature there is a crucifixion of the haughty, self-sufficient spirit that leads to self-exaltation.

**In its place the Spirit of
Christ abides, and in the
life the fruits of the Spirit
appear.**

**Having the mind of Christ,
His followers reveal the
graces of His character.”**

Lift Him Up, p. 301

Real life application

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**“By this all men will know
that you are my disciples,
if you love one another.”**

1 John 3:18

**Dear children, let us not
love with words or tongue
but with actions and in
truth."**

**There's a love gap in our
lives. It's the distance
between what we *think*
and *say* and how we
actually *treat* others**

**You're invited to close
this gap by becoming a
partaker of Christ's divine
nature. How? Through
actively seeking the
indwelling of the Holy
Spirit.**

Bold Prayer

