WHY IS LOVE SO DIFFICULT? LOVE ONE ANOTHER - Part 2 Vernon Zook November 14, 2021

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8 (NLT)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 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.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)

Love is:

Patient Not Irritable Hopes
Kind Forgiving Perseveres
Not Jealous Rejoices with Truth **Perfect all the**

time!

Humble Protects Not Demanding Trusts

Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness... Luke 4:1 (NLT)

(Jesus) "If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth…" **John 14:15-17a** (NLT)

While he was still with them, he said: Don't leave Jerusalem yet. Wait here for the Father to give you the Holy Spirit, just as I told you he has promised to do.

Acts 1:4 (CEV)

Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

Acts 2:2-4 (NLT)

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38 (NIV)

Ephesians 5, ... be filled with the Holy Spirit...

Romans 8, ...we need to be controlled by the Holy Spirit...

Galatians 5, ...We need to be led by the Holy Spirit...

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

- •Love I John 4:7 Dear friends, let us <u>love one another</u>...
- •Joy Philippians 4:4 (NLT) Always <u>be full of joy</u> in the Lord.

 I say it again—rejoice!
- **Peace 1 Corinthians 7:15** ... God has called us to <u>live in peace</u>.
- •**Patience Ephesians 4:2** (NLT) *Be humble and gentle.* <u>Be patient</u> with each other...
- **Kindness Ephesians 4:32** <u>Be kind</u> and compassionate to one another...
- •Goodness Galatians 6:10 (NLT) Whenever we have the opportunity, we should <u>do good</u> to everyone...
- Faithfulness Revelation 2:10 Be <u>faithful</u>, even to the point of death...
- •Gentleness Colossians 3:12 (NLT) ... You must <u>clothe</u> <u>yourselves with</u> tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, <u>gentleness</u>, and patience...
- •**Self-Control 1 Peter 1:13** (NLT) *So think clearly and* <u>exercise self-control.</u>

Will I allow and invite the Holy Spirit, who lives in me, to lead me, guide me, fill me, and control my life?