

# Produce in Me - Love

In every writing class I have ever attended, the teacher always talks about how writers put the most important idea in a piece first or last, because that is what readers will remember. Love is the first word on the list in Galatians 5:22-23. Love is the most important.

As I was preparing for the Produce in Me class, I had a great conversation with a friend about the passage that lists the fruit of the spirit. She specified, it is not fruits, with an "s" at the end. It is "fruit." Love is the only fruit. Through love, we produce joy, patience, kindness, etc. As I began studying the passage, I realized how much the nine ideas in Galatians 5:22-23 intertwine. God did this on purpose.

Every story from the Old Testament to the New Testament points to Jesus. His death on the cross for us is the ultimate example of extreme love. Love is the key to it all: The cross, Jesus, and life itself. Everything points to Jesus.

Earlier in Galatians 5:6, Paul tells readers the only point that counts is faith expressing itself through love. Join me in this prayer: **Heavenly Father, help us to remember this truth today. All that matters is how we share Your amazing love for us with others. Help us to show this love each and every day. In Jesus' name, amen.**

## Going Deeper:

- Read Romans 8:38-39 and 1 Corinthians 16:14. Journal how these verses connect to love.
- What can you do to show Jesus' extreme love to others in your daily life?
- Draw a heart over a cross to symbolize the ultimate example of love.
- Use an arrow to illustrate how your life points to Jesus.

