

BETTER DECISIONS, GREATER IMPACT

What does perfect love look like...?

What does perfect love look like? Look at Christ's life and see what you Christ was doing. Jesus was caring for the widow and orphan, healing the sick, instructing people in love, offering kindness, inviting people into a relationship with God, and more. The apostle Paul wrote in two places about what love looks like. First, Paul defined love in his letter to the church in Corinth.

Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 ~

Read Paul's description of love and replace each highlighted word with your name. In what ways do you find it easy or natural to perfectly love others? In what ways do you find it more difficult? In your life, where are specific opportunities you need to grow in the perfect love of Jesus?

A second place Paul describes love in his letter to the church in Galatia. He is describing the Fruit of the Holy Spirit. The "fruit" that is produced in the lives of people who are growing and living by Christ's loving example.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this.

~ Galatians 5:22-23 ~

Consider your daily words and actions, what "fruit" is your life producing? Take time to think about the key relationships in your life. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to produce Godly fruit?