

# Keep Tahoe Spiritual : Love Others.

Fruit Of The Spirit- Part 1 Gal. 5:22-23  
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**Paul says loving others is the natural outcome of being deeply connected to God's Spirit living in you.**

## **-What makes it difficult?**

### 1. Culture emphasizes love as a "feeling" not as an action.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails

Luke 10:27 Jesus answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

Example: Story of the Good Samaritan

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

### 2. Culture tells us that happiness comes from meeting your own needs first.

### 3. We are overcommitted.

## **-How does that happen?**

Commit yourself to daily practices that keep you connected to God's Spirit in you.

- Reading the Bible
- Praying/Fasting
- Relationships that share this priority

## **Keep Tahoe Spiritual?**

It's popular to hear people say, "I'm spiritual but not religious" or "I'm spiritual but I don't need to go to church to experience God."

As Christians we believe that the Bible tells us what it means to be "spiritual." God gives His Spirit to all who trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior. He gave us His Spirit to teach us (Jn. 14:26), convict us (Jn. 14:6-7), give us wisdom (1 Cor. 2:10-11), gives us strength (Acts 1:8), guides us in truth (Jn. 16:13), guarantees our salvation (Eph. 1:13), intercedes for us (Rom. 8:26-28), and produces good fruit in our lives (Gal. 5:22-25).

***In short, the Bible tells us that to be Spiritual means to have God's Spirit at work in our lives!***

As God's people here in Tahoe, let's live Spirit driven lives - and keep Tahoe spiritual!



## **Community Group Questions:**

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. Most people agree that it's more challenging to love people in our own family than those outside of it. Why?
3. Some people feel closest to God in the outdoors. Others would say being inside a Church. How about you? Where do you feel closest to God?

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