

**Christian Virtues
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Galatians 5:22-26 (NIV)

**(22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness,**

**(23) gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no law.**

**(24) Those who belong to Christ
Jesus have crucified the sinful
nature with its passions and desires.**

**(25) Since we live by the Spirit, let
us keep in step with the Spirit.**

**(26) Let us not become conceited,
provoking and envying each other.**

**It is an act of choice we are
commanded to exercise even
in behalf to our enemies.**

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (NIV)

**(1) If I speak in the tongues of men
and of angels, but have not love, I
am only a resounding gong or a
clanging cymbal.**

**(2) If I have the gift of prophecy and
can fathom all mysteries and all
knowledge,**

**and if I have a faith that can move
mountains, but have not love,**

I am nothing.

**(3) If I give all I possess to the poor
and surrender my body to the flames,**

but have not love, I gain nothing.

(4) Love is patient, love is kind.

**It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud.**

**(5) It is not rude, 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.