

Producing Love

*Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit.
For apart from me you can do nothing. - John 15:5*

Conceive - Nurture - Grow - Produce

When I'm directly connected to the Source - I'm feeding off His nutrients and provisions. Through that connection (relationship) I bear fruit.
I am actively involved in that process by connecting/resting in Him.



The Fertile Soil of Healthy Connection to God that produces love

- Surrender - I realize I can't, He can
- Transparency - I'm real about my feelings and struggles
- Trust - I allow Him to do whatever is necessary to produce fruit in my life, even the pruning
- Communication - I'm talking and letting Him talk to me openly and honestly
- Teachability - I'm willing to be shown my faults and sins so He can resolve (prune)
- Dependent-based - I realize my need for God in all circumstances
- Grace-based - Not what I should or shouldn't do, but the continually resource of His "enoughness"
- Forgiveness - I'm continually receiving forgiveness and giving it to others
- Rest - I'm resting in Him - not striving for Him

How Does His Love Manifest in Me?

- Patience - I allow others time to grow, room to be human. I focus on progress, not perfection
- Kindness - authentic respect and consideration for others
- Truth - I see things as they are, even when uncomfortable. I base my reality on God's Word and His blessed assurances.
- Hating evil - Sin truly grieves my heart - I don't condone or allow it willfully to protect someone's feelings, etc.
- Hopeful - I am not grounded in circumstances, but in a God who provides. I look beyond circumstances, relying on the power of love
- Grace-based - I don't need to be perfect, and neither do you. God makes up and has a remedy for what we lack.
- Humble - I'm see myself accurately - I want the best for you and don't feel threatened or jealous by you
- Persevering - I won't give up on you or myself - I may fail, and people may fail me, but God cannot fail
- Forgiving - I'm willing to release others from the debt of sin, I'm willing to continually receive forgiveness for my own wrongdoings.
- Vulnerable - I'm willing to show and reveal myself to God and others
- Filled with Gratitude - My life may not be perfect, but I'm thankful for all gifts