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Fruit of the Spirit Series (Against such there is no law)

Love

- Toward God
 - Cannot love man without loving God
 - John 3:16
 - God shows us how to love
 - 1 John 4:19
 - He created man and man has done nothing but disappoint ever since
 - Yet he still loves
 - Romans 8:35-39; Ephesians 2:4-7
 - Love is shown in complete fulfillment in Christ
 - Love shown in the upper room
 - Jesus showed his love by washing their feet
 - Love in the garden
 - Matthew 26:37
 - Love is not the absence of fear. Love is the willingness to press forward in obedience, even when afraid.
 - 1 John 4:18
 - Love on the Cross
 - Love became flesh and blood on the cross
 - Even in final moments his focus was on others
 - He made sure His mother was cared for
 - He offered forgiveness to his executioners
 - He promised paradise to a dying thief

- Romans 5:8
 - Romans 8:39
 - John 15:13
- How to show our love toward God?
 - It's not done how most people think it should be
 - Matthew 7:21-23
 - Proper demonstration includes
 - Keeping his commandments
 - John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 14
 - Loving our brethren
 - 1 John 3:16
 - What is our attitude toward keeping his commandments and loving fellow man?
- Toward man
 - Some say they love God but just can't get along with man
 - 1 John 4:20-21
 - Must be how we walk
 - Ephesians 5:1-2
 - Must put it on
 - Colossians 3:12-14
 - Has to be our motive
 - 1 Corinthians 16:14
 - How to show our love toward man?
 - Love for one another is a fundamental teaching of Christ (if going to keep commandments it starts right here)
 - 1 John 3:11; John 13:34-35

- Help those who are in need, physically and spiritually
 - 1 John 3:16-18; 1 Peter 4:8; James 5:19-20
 - 1 John 5:2
- Love for others must go beyond loving those who love us
 - Luke 6:27-36