**The Fruit of the Spirit:**

**Love**

Love is the most important spiritual principle there is among the virtues of God. It concisely defines and describes who and what God is like – “God is Love” 1 John. And yet it is what God commands of His children to practice. Since it is the most important principle there is in all creation and eternity, we will begin with love as our God-given birthright being born of His Spirit.

How do we translate the virtue of God, “love” – “agape”, into a living experience in our daily lives? Perhaps the first place to begin is to get a biblical perspective on this kind of love. Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 will give us a better understanding. Use the link “Prescribed Scriptures” on Love found on the website.

Take time this month to explore as you pray and reflect on the above reading. What might be some possible ways you can practice this spiritual exercise? Use the link “Arranging a Love Practice planning sheet” found on the website for the question sheet to record and to guide your thoughts. You will arrange your own spiritual exercise. Like all things we do in life it will require some forethought before you engage the situation or the person. Most of what we do in life comes from fore planning. Example: God instructed Joshua to meditate on His word before the Israelites set off to enter the Promises land. They needed to have the mind of God on the situations and the issues they would face - a resolute plan from God. That plan was embedded in His Word. So spend time musing over God’s word regarding love, get your thoughts down in writing, and pray for God’s guidance how you should live His love out in your actions. There five questions that are designed to help guide your focus with any situation.