

## Produce: Part 8

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**DISCUSSION QUESTION:** How do you know that your faith is working?

### REVIEW

Producing & being productive is God's idea... John 15:8 *"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."*

The Spirit Produces:

**1. Force (Resurrection Power) 2. Freedom 3. Fruit 4. Faith 5. Family 6. Fullness 7. Fire**

**TODAY:** The Spirit Produces:

### 2. Fidelity

Galatians 5:5 – 6 *"For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. 6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love."*

Fidelity is defined as faithfulness to obligations, duties or observances; devotion to duties; loyalty as to a person or cause (faithfulness to one's spouse); adherence to truth. It also implies correspondence to truth as in accuracy, correctness, exactness.

The Holy Spirit Produces a Love that:

#### a. Monitors

*"....but faith which worketh by love."*

Worketh means to be active; to be at work; efficient; be mighty in, efficient; fervent; work effectually in; to display one's activity; to show oneself operative.

You want to know where your faith is at, then check your love.

If a person is not willing to speak the truth they don't love.

Ephesians 4:14 *"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:"* [KJV]

If we want to grow in all things then we need to monitor what our love is producing!

Psalms 101 "I will sing of mercy and justice; To You, O Lord, I will sing praises. 2 I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart. 3 I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me. 4 A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness. 5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure. 6 My eyes shall be on the faithful of the land, That they may dwell with me; He who walks in a perfect way, He shall serve me. 7 He who works deceit shall not dwell within my house; He who tells lies shall not continue in my presence. 8 Early I will destroy all the wicked of the land, That I may cut off all the evildoers from the city of the Lord." [NKJV]

The Psalmist has a monitor on his life; what he will associate with and what he will not associate with.

Love that is producing faith and faithfulness will monitor the things in us; the things we put in front of our eyes and the people we align ourselves with!  
The Psalmist speaks of those who he will pay attention to. The faithful!

The Holy Spirit Produces a Love that:

**b. Models**

John 13:34-35 *"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."* [KJV]

On this Memorial Day weekend, we are reminded of those who gave their lives in the military in defense of U.S. This is incredible love that a man would lay down his life for another.

I don't have the ability in myself to love you like Jesus loves but the Holy Spirit can produce it!

The Holy Spirit Produces a Love that:

**c. Motivates**

2 Cor 5:14-15 *"For the love of Christ controls us (constrains us, compels us), because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; 15 and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."* [ESV]

It is the Holy Spirit that creates love in our hearts.

We are justified by faith. When we came to Christ we did not come because we loved HIM...no we were contrary to HIM. But the faith that was planted in our hearts brings us to salvation. Then the Holy Spirit produces love that causes our faith to work in other areas.

It motivates us...we no longer live for ourselves but for Christ who died for us!

The Holy Spirit will produce a love in us that is active and effective in producing a faithfulness to obligations, duties, loyalty and truth!