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## **9 QUALITIES THAT WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE**

What if I told you that you can experience the kind of life that God desires for all of His children! The kind of life that would not only change you now – but also change your future! Well, that’s what this new Bible Study series is all about. This study is about how we can develop the character that God wants for us by the indwelling “Fruit of the Spirit”.

### **FIRST QUALITY – LOVE**

#### **I. Description:**

The greatest of all qualities. The love quality is a gift beyond that of human capability. This type of love only comes through the power of the Holy Spirit. All the other fruit is an outgrowth of love.

#### **II, Three Types of Love in the Bible**

1. Eros – a sexual, passionate love.

- Love between a husband and wife.

*Song of Solomon 1-8*

2. Phileo – a friendly kind of love.

- Jesus love for Lazarus
- Love Christians should have for each other.

*John 11:1-3*

*Romans 12:10; Hebrews 13:1*

3. Agape – unconditional, divine love

- God’s love for mankind

*John 3:16; Romans 5:8*

#### **III. Agape Love Modeled By Christ**

1. To His disciples

*John 13:12-17*

#### **IV. Agape Love in the Life of Believers**

1. We are commanded to love.

*John 13:34-35; 15:12*

2. Every believer has within us the ability to love.

*Romans 5:5; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:7*

3. We should even love our enemies.

*Matthew 5:43-46*

- Like Stephen
- Like Paul

*Acts 7:60*

*Romans 12:20-21*

4. We should practice love everyday.

*1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16:14*

5. Believers are identified by our love.

*1<sup>st</sup> John 4:7-8*

Brothers and sisters, to experience the kind of life that God desires for all of His children must start with the quality of love. Therefore, let’s begin to change our lives by changing how we love!