



MESSAGE NOTES

Not Fear but Love

Romans 2:4 Loyd Flaherty

Review: Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

1. Foundation of a Good Relationship

In the worship called “Build my Life” it expresses it well.

“I will build my life upon Your love

It is a firm foundation

I will put my trust in You alone

And I will not be shaken”

If we trust in the love of our Heavenly Father, we will not be shaken. The storms of life can come crashing against us and will not be shaken.

2. Built on the Rock

Matthew 7:24 -25 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

We Have a Choice

Matthew 7:26-27 “But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash”.

3. Not Fear but Love

a) Don't Use Fear to Lead

Fear is a weak foundation. Please don't use fear tactics to lead people to the Loving Heavenly Father. The good news is that our Heavenly Father gives us peace.

John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

b) Let God's love and Kindness Lead

It's God's love and kindness that is what leads people to repentance.

Romans 2:4 “Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?”

Conclusion:

Fear is not included in the fruit of the Spirit. God's Holy Spirit is gentle as a dove.

You can confirm the voice the Holy Spirit by the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23.