



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ([Gal 5:22-23](#))

In the Beginning, a Garden

Take a moment to think about the significance of what we're told in [Genesis 2](#).

...the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the LORD God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. ([Gen 2:7-9](#))

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ([Gen 2:15](#))

What was life like in this garden? What was the first home and family like? What went wrong?

The LORD Makes the Desert Like Eden

Take the time to read God's incredible promise to Israel at a very dark time in [Isaiah 51:1-3](#). What can we learn from this promise?

Family Gardens That Yield the Fruit of the Spirit

What sort of garden does this same Creator want to help us build in our homes? [Galatians 5:22-23](#):

- Love -
- Joy -
- Peace -
- Patience -
- Kindness -
- Goodness -
- Faithfulness -
- Gentleness -
- Self-control -