

Love is the bases for all development of right character and nature (1 Cor 12:31). A more “Excellent Way”. The Excellent Way means to “Rise Above”.

Patient – Long Suffering (makrothumei) – It can endure evil, injury and provocation, without being filled with resentment, indignation, or revenge. It makes the mind firm, gives it power over the angry passions, and furnishes it with a persevering patience that shall rather wait and hope for the reformation of a brother than fly out in resentment of his conduct. It will put up with many slights and neglects from the person it loves and waits long to see the kindly effects of such patience on him/her. It has a long mind, to the end of which neither trials, adversities, persecutions, or provocations can reach it. It bears all weaknesses, ignorance, errors and infirmities of the children of Jehovah and all the malice and wickedness of the children of this world; and all this not merely for a time, but long, without end. It is a state of being in your mind or disposition. It also waits patiently for Jehovah’s time of accomplishing his purpose, without murmuring or griping.

Slowness to anger, or passion, longsuffering, forbearance. It’s opposed to haste, to passionate expressions and thoughts, and to irritability. It denotes a state of mind which can bear long when oppressed, provoked, calumniated and when one seeks to injure us.

Kindness – (chresteuetai) – Seeks to be useful. It is tender and compassionate in itself and obliging to others. It is mild, gentle and benign. It is also submissive to all the dispensations of Jehovah and creates trouble to no one. It is good-natured. It wishes well. It is not harsh. It is “courteous”. Under all provocations and being ill-treated, it is gentle and mild. It promotes the happiness of all around us.

Galatians 5:22 – The Fruits of the Spirit (The mind, character, nature, personality, the Word of Jehovah)

Adam took on the mind of the Adversaries nature and character. A mind diametrically opposed to truth and life.

When Jesus came, he grew in Wisdom and the knowledge of his father Jehovah (Luke 2:40 & 52). Jehovah began to teach Jesus. Began to show him how to exist in the earth. How to become complete in his nature and character. We must empty our minds. Erase the old and become the new. Become single minded (Phillipians 3:13-15, Romans 12: 1-2) Laws cannot create a new mind.