

LOVE

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"IF I SPEAK IN THE TONGUES OF MEN AND OF ANGELS,
BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM A NOISY GONG OR A CLANGING CYMBAL.

"AND IF I HAVE PROPHETIC POWERS, AND UNDERSTAND ALL
MYSTERIES AND ALL KNOWLEDGE, AND IF I HAVE ALL FAITH,
SO AS TO REMOVE MOUNTAINS, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM NOTHING.

"IF I GIVE AWAY ALL I HAVE, AND IF I DELIVER UP MY BODY
TO BE BURNED, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I GAIN NOTHING.

"LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND; LOVE DOES NOT ENVY OR BOAST;
IT IS NOT ARROGANT "OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN
WAY; IT IS NOT IRRITABLE OR RESENTFUL; "IT DOES NOT REJOICE
AT WRONGDOING, BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. "LOVE BEARS
ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS,
ENDURES ALL THINGS. "LOVE NEVER ENDS.

AS FOR PROPHECIES, THEY WILL PASS AWAY; AS FOR TONGUES,
THEY WILL CEASE; AS FOR KNOWLEDGE, IT WILL PASS AWAY.

FOR WE KNOW IN PART AND WE PROPHESY IN PART,

BUT WHEN THE PERFECT COMES, THE PARTIAL WILL PASS AWAY.

WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I SPOKE LIKE A CHILD, I THOUGHT

LIKE A CHILD, I REASONED LIKE A CHILD, WHEN I BECAME A MAN.

I GAVE UP CHILDISH WAYS. FOR NOW WE SEE IN A MIRROR DIMLY,
BUT THEN FACE TO FACE. NOW I KNOW IN PART;

THEN I SHALL KNOW FULLY, EVEN AS I HAVE BEEN FULLY KNOWN.

SO NOW FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE ABIDE, THESE THREE;

BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

CORINTHIANS 13

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LIFE - LOVE = NOTHING!

I. THE NECESSITY/MOTIVATION OF LOVE

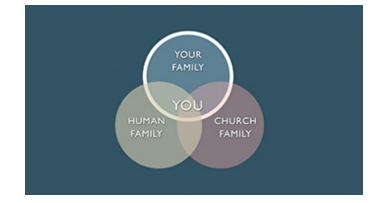
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## 2. THE ACTIVITY/APPLICATION OF LOVE

\*LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND; LOVE DOES NOT ENVY OR BOAST; IT IS NOT ARROGANT \*OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY; IT IS NOT IRRITABLE OR RESENTFUL; \*IT DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONGDOING, BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. —I CORINTHIANS 13:4-6

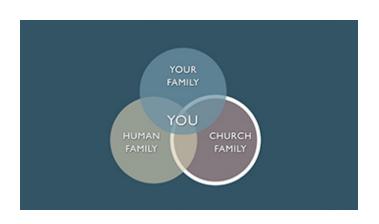
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- LOVE IS PATIENT
- · LOVE IS KIND
- LOVE IS NOT ENVIOUS
- · LOVE IS NOT BOASTFUL
- LOVE IS NOT ARROGANT
- · LOVE IS NOT RUDE
- · LOVE IS NOT INSISTENT ON GETTING ITS WAY
- · LOVE IS NOT IRRITABLE
- · LOVE IS NOT RESENTFUL
- LOVE IS NOT TOLERANT OF WRONG, BUT TENACIOUS FOR TRUTH.



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"UNLIKE OTHER INSTANCES OF PATIENCE (HUPOMENO) WHICH MEANS ENDURANCE, THROUGH DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE WORD PAUL USES HERE IS SOLELY RELATED TO HOW WE REACT WHEN PEOPLE PROVOKE OR ACT UNJUSTLY TOWARD US. IT IS A RELATIONAL PATIENCE OF THE HIGHEST ORDER; THE KIND THAT ENABLES US TO LOVE OUR ENEMIES AND BE GRACIOUS TO THOSE WHO HARM US. COLIN BROWN MAKES AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION FOR PARENTS, WHO WHEN THEIR KIDS STRIKE OUT ON THEIR OWN, MAY FEEL OUT OF CONTROL AND LONG FOR THE GOOD OLD DAYS' WHEN CONTROL COULD BE SUSTAINED: POSITIVELY IT EXPRESSES PERSISTENCE, OR A SWERVING WILLINGNESS TO AWAIT EVENTS RATHER THAN TRY TO FORCE THEM." —MARY DEMUTH



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IPLOVE ONE ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY AFFECTION.
OUTDO ONE ANOTHER IN SHOWING HONOR, I'DO NOT BE
SLOTHFUL IN ZEAL, BE FERVENT IN SPIRIT, SERVE THE LORD.

PREJOICE IN HOPE, BE PATIENT IN TRIBULATION, BE CONSTANT IN PRAYER. PCONTRIBUTE TO THE NEEDS OF THE SAINTS AND SEEK TO SHOW HOSPITALITY.—ROMANS 12:10-13

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"BLESS THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU; BLESS AND DO NOT CURSE THEM.

"REJOICE WITH THOSE WHO REJOICE, WEEP WITH THOSE WHO WEEP.

"LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER. DO NOT BE HAUGHTY,

BUT ASSOCIATE WITH THE LOWLY, NEVER BE WISE IN YOUR OWN SIGHT.

"REPAY NO ONE EVIL FOR EVIL, BUT GIVE THOUGHT TO DO WHAT IS

HONORABLE IN THE SIGHT OF ALL. "IP POSSIBLE. SO FAR AS IT DEPENDS

ON YOU, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL. "BELOVED, NEVER AVENGE YOURSELVES,

BUT LEAVE IT TO THE WRATH OF GOD, FOR IT IS WRITTEN,

"VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY, SAYS THE LORD."

20TO THE CONTRARY, "IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM;

IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO DRINK; FOR BY SO DOING

YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

21DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.

—ROMANS 12:14-21

3. THE VULNERABILITY/RESOLUTION OF LOVE
(I CORINTHIANS 13:7)

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"TO LOVE AT ALL IS TO BE VULNERABLE. LOVE ANYTHING AND YOUR HEART WILL BE WRUNG AND POSSIBLY BROKEN. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE OF KEEPING IT INTACT YOU MUST GIVE IT TO NO ONE, NOT EVEN AN ANIMAL. WRAP IT CAREFULLY ROUND WITH HOBBIES AND LITTLE LUXURIES; AVOID ALL ENTANGLEMENTS. LOCK IT UP SAFE IN THE CASKET OR COFFIN OF YOUR SELFISHNESS. BUT IN THAT CASKET, SAFE, DARK, MOTIONLESS, AIRLESS, IT WILL CHANGE. IT WILL NOT BE BROKEN; IT WILL BECOME UNBREAKABLE, IMPENETRABLE, IRREDEEMABLE. TO LOVE IS TO BE VULNERABLE."—C.S. LEWIS

"SO NOW FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE ABIDE, THESE THREE,
BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE."

—I CORINTHIANS 13:13

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