

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

Love

Verse 4

Love endures long and never gives up. Love is large, incredibly patient and gentle and consistently kind to all. Love never is envious and refuses to boil over with jealousy when blessing comes to someone else. Love is not boastful, never struts or brags about one's own achievements. Love does not inflate its own importance, doesn't have a swelled head nor does it display itself haughtily.

Verse 5

Love is not conceited, arrogant and inflated with pride; love does not seek honor for itself, demand its own way or force itself on others as in, "me first!" Love has good manners, does not act unbecomingly and does not insist on its own rights or its own way because it is not self-seeking. Love is not easily irritated or touchy or resentful. Love takes no account of the evil done to it. It pays no attention to a suffered wrong. Love is not quick to take offense nor does it keep score of the sins of others.

Verse 6

Love does not rejoice at injustice or unrighteousness; it finds no delight in what is wrong. Love doesn't revel when others grovel, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love joyfully celebrates honesty.

Verse 7

Love bears up under anything and everything that comes; it is a safe place to shelter because it never gives up or loses faith. Love puts up with anything and never stops believing the best of every person. Love trusts God always, never looks back for its hopes are fadeless.

Verse 8

Love never takes failure as defeat, it endures everything without weakening through every circumstance. Love never fails, never stops loving, never dies. Love never comes to an end.

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