

Learning to Love
Part 2



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1 Corinthians 13:4-8 -- June 23, 2019

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another; as I have loved you**, that you also **love one another.** ³⁵ **By this** all will know that you are **My disciples**, if you have **love for one another.**

Learning to Love like Jesus



1 Corinthians 13:4–8

Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away;

A. What Love does...

1. Love practices **patience** (it is willing to suffer long).
2. Love proceeds in **kindness**.

B. What Love will *not* do...

1. Love will not be **envious/jealous**.
2. Love will not parade itself – it does not **brag/boast**.
3. Love is not puffed up – it will not be **arrogant**.

C. What Love will *not* do...

1. Love does not behave rudely (act unbecomingly).

➤ **1 Corinthians 13:5** **does not behave rudely**, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil.

C. What Love will *not* do...

2. Love does not seek its own:
Stated positively: Love is selfless.

➤ **1 Corinthians 13:5** does not behave rudely, **does not seek its own**, is not provoked, thinks no evil.

Romans 15:1-3

We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and **not to please ourselves.** ² **Let each of us please his neighbor for his good,** leading to edification. ³ For even **Christ did not please Himself;** but as it is written, *“The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.*

C. What Love will *not* do...

3. Love is not provoked:

Stated positively: Love is longsuffering.

➤ **1 Corinthians 13:5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, **is not provoked**, thinks no evil.

C. What Love will not do...

4. Love thinks no evil :

Stated positively: Love is forgiving.

➤ **1 Corinthians 13:5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, **thinks no evil**.

Romans 4:8

Blessed is the man to whom the LORD shall not impute sin.

2 Corinthians 5:19

that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, **not imputing (counting) their trespasses to them**, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Matthew 6:14–15

“For **if you forgive men** their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their
trespasses, neither will your Father forgive
your trespasses.

D. The Concern of Love

- **1 Corinthians 13:6** does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth.
- 1. Love will not rejoice/take pleasure in iniquity/unrighteousness.

What is righteousness?

What does it mean to rejoice in
unrighteousness?

Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.

Ephesians 5:11-12

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.



How do we rejoice in unrighteousness?

D. The Concern of Love

- **1 Corinthians 13:6** does not rejoice in iniquity, **but rejoices in the truth.**
- 2. Love rejoices/finds pleasure with the Truth.



What is the truth in which love rejoices?

Psalm 119:97

Oh, how I **love Your law!** It is **my meditation** all
the day.

Psalm 119:163

I **hate and abhor lying**, But I **love Your law.**

Psalm 119:165

Great peace have those who **love Your law**, And
nothing causes them to stumble

1 John 5:3

For this is the love of God, that we keep
His commandments. And His
commandments are not burdensome.

2 John 6

This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.



How does Love Rejoice in the Truth?



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