



Love Defined #2

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Love “suffers long and is kind”

- The attitude toward others that allows us to put up with those who may even abuse us; While kindness is an act that we do for others
- Love is not only “putting up” with the other person, but showing kindness to him.



Love Does Not Envy

- The Greek word is: “Zeloo” meaning to be fervent, to “boil” with envy, to be jealous.
- Zeloo can be manifested in two forms
 - The person sets their heart on something that belongs to someone else
 - The other has intense negative feelings over another’s achievements or success



Why Are People Jealous?

- Some feel cheated – “why didn’t I get those good looks, etc.”
- Some feel inferior – so they tear down
- Some are just mean



How to Overcome?

- Learn to love yourself for what you are and what you can be!
(Matt. 22:37-39)



Love does not parade itself is not puffed up

- Two things here that are closely connected:
 - “Does not parade” (boasting) represents the verbalizing of pride
 - “Not puffed up” is pride itself.
- Love is not filled with pride because pride produces boasting

Common Among the Corinthians

- Their past teaching (1 Cor. 4:18)
- Their supposed spiritual state (1 Cor. 4:6-10)
- Their broadmindedness (1 Cor. 5:2)
- Their Bible knowledge (1 Cor. 8:1)
- Their spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 13:1-3)



Boasting Comes From Pride

- Pride says, “I am better than you”
(Lk. 18:9-14)
- Pride says, “I am always right”
(Acts 7:51-60)
- Pride says, “I can do it alone; I don’t need Christ” (Non conversions)



What About Us?

- Am I always the topic of my conversation?
- Am I willing to listen to criticism without retaliation?
- Am I always taking the credit for whatever is done?
- Do I have the attitude of John the Baptist?
(Jno. 3:30)