

Love Defined #3

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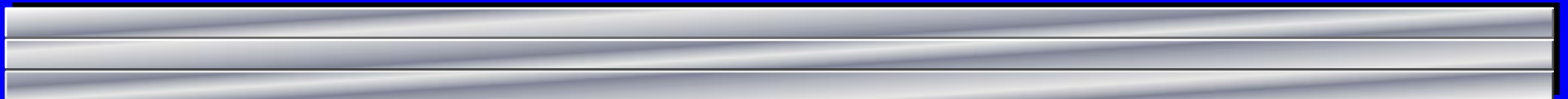
Love “suffers long (patient) and is kind”

- ❖ “Suffers long” or patience is 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 does not envy

- ❖ **Envy can be manifested in two forms**
 - One in which the person sets their heart on something that belongs to someone else
 - Or a second form in which one has intense negative feelings over another's achievements or success



*Love does not parade itself (brag);
is not puffed up(pride)*

- ❖ Two things here that are closely connected
The first represents the verbalizing of pride;
the second is pride itself. Boasting comes
from pride



Love does not behave rudely

- ❖ Rudeness is the norm rather than the exception: cell phones, traffic, pushing in line
- ❖ Rudeness is catching
- ❖ Consider the example of Jesus (Lk. 7:36-50)



Love does not seek its own (Not selfish)

- ❖ Here lies a miser who lived for himself, and cared for nothing but gathering wealth.
- ❖ Now where he is or how he fares, nobody knows and nobody cares.



In contrast in a courtyard in London one reads

- ❖ Sacred to the memory of General Charles George Gordon, who at all times and everywhere gave his strength to the weak, his substance to the poor, his sympathy to the suffering, his heart to God.”



Selfishness is seen among those at Corinth

- ❖ Suing one another (1 Cor. 6:1)
- ❖ Ignoring the consciences of others (1 Cor. 8)
- ❖ Among the married (1 Cor. 7:3-5)
- ❖ With their spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 14)



We see the selfishness in the church today!

- ❖ It's: "What is the church doing for me and my children?" When it comes time to do for others, they can't find the time!



Jesus is our example (Matt. 20:28)

