

Love Defined #6

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Love “suffers long (patient)
and is kind”

Love is being patient with those who would even exasperate us and goes further by showing kindness to them

Love does not envy

Love does not want what the other
person has NOR does it despise
the fact that he has it

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

Love doesn't brag because bragging
comes from a heart puffed up in
pride and love is not prideful

Love does not behave rudely

Love is not rude because rudeness
comes from a selfish heart and
love is not selfish

Love does not seek its own
(Not selfish)

Love doesn't seek to get its own way
especially without considering
others

Love is not easily provoked
(it is not easily angered)

Love gets angry at heresy,
immorality, injustice and idolatry,
but never gets angry when it is
exasperated or does not get its
way

Love “thinks no evil”
(it keeps no record of wrongs)

Love never keeps books on the evil
done to it. Love never keeps a
running record of everybody’s
offense

Love “does not rejoice in iniquity”

Love never takes satisfaction with
our sin or someone else's

Love “rejoices in the truth”

Love rejoices in God’s truth and the
truth we see in others

The Last Four (1 Cor 13:7)

Love:

1. Bears all things
2. Believes all things
3. Hopes all things
4. Endures all things

Caution “All Things”

- “All things” here are hyperbole - exaggerations to make a point.
- Love doesn’t bear, believe, hope or endure lies, false teaching or anything else that is not of God.
- Paul is speaking of those things that are in harmony with God’s will.

Love bears all things

- To bear *stego* basically means to cover or to support and then protect. Love bears all things by protecting others from exposure, ridicule or harm.
- Love does NOT protect sin; but protects the sinner.

Love believes all things

- Love is not suspicious or cynical. It gives the person the benefit of the doubt.
- If the person is guilty, then love will always opt for the most favorable possibility.

Love hopes all things

- Even when belief in a loved one's goodness or repentance is shattered, love still hopes. When it runs out of faith it holds on to hope.

Love endures all things

- *Hupomenō* (“to endure”) was a military term used of an army’s holding a vital position at all costs.
- Love holds fast to those it loves. It **endures all things** at all costs. It stands against overwhelming opposition and refuses to stop bearing or stop believing or stop hoping. Love will not stop loving.
 - Example Stephen (Acts 7:60)

Love NEVER fails!