

Part 26 | PUBLIC WORSHIP:
The Preeminence of Love | 1 Corinthians 13
First Corinthians...Sinners Yet Saints

“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 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.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

LOVE IS A MORE EXCELLENT WAY 1-3

- Excels Spiritual Gifts
- Excels Self-Sacrifice

LOVE IS A DAILY, COUNTER-CULTURAL, SELFLESS CHOICE 4-8

<p>Is...</p> <p>Suffers long</p> <p>Kind</p> <p>Rejoices in truth</p> <p>Bears all things</p> <p>Believes all things</p> <p>Hopes all things</p> <p>Endures all things</p> <p>Never Fails</p>	<p>Is Not...</p> <p>Does not envy</p> <p>Does not parade itself</p> <p>Not puffed up</p> <p>Does not behave rudely</p> <p>Does not seek its own</p> <p>Not provoked</p> <p>Thinks no evil</p> <p>Does not rejoice in sin</p>
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LOVE IS ENDURING 9-13

- It endures beyond sign gifts
- It endures into eternity

It is no light matter that Paul interrupts his discussion of spiritual gifts with a reminder that love is the more excellent way. The love of God is the glue by which the Spiritual gifts and Spiritually gifted are unified in the body of Christ.

“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.” **1 Corinthians 13:13**

Love’s Description
(1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)

Suffers long	<i>(makrothymēō)</i> It is slow to become resentful and exhibits both internal and external control in difficult circumstances. It has a long fuse. “The capacity to be wronged and not retaliate” Walvoord
Kind	<i>(chrēsteuomai)</i> shows mercy
Does not envy	<i>(zēloō)</i> It does not covet and desire another person’s possessions, gifts and blessings
Does not parade itself	<i>(perpereuomai)</i> to brag
Not puffed up	<i>(physioomai)</i> to be arrogant, inflate oneself
Not behave rudely	<i>(aschēmoneō)</i> It acts fitting for the circumstances. It is not disgraceful or dishonorable. No more belching in public men!
Not Seek Its Own	<i>(zēteō)</i> A term used of someone hunting for or diligently seeking to find an object or person. Love is not in pursuit of its own good.
Not provoked	<i>(paroxynomai)</i> Love is not upset, angered, irritated or distressed.
Thinks no evil	<i>(logizomai)</i> It does not keep a record of another’s wrongs.
Does Not Rejoice In Iniquity	<i>(chairo epi adikia)</i> Love does not take delight in evil which it has no part in.
Rejoices in Truth	<i>(syngchairo aletheia)</i> Love does rejoice in truth that is does have a part in
Bears all things	<i>(stegō)</i> to put up with an annoyance or difficulty
Believes all things	<i>(pisteuō)</i> this is the normal word for faith or belief
Hopes all things	<i>(elpizō)</i> This is the verbal form of hope and it is an attitude of looking forward to, trusting and confident hope
Endures all things	<i>(hypomenō)</i> to stand firm by holding one’s ground despite opposition
Love never fails	<i>(piptō)</i> to fall down, be destroyed, come to an end

Small Group Discussion—

Work through this list tonight as a group and do the following:

- 1) Try to give real life examples of what these qualities of love look like in real life both positively and negatively
- 2) Share what aspects of love God has brought to your attention that you need to progress in
- 3) Share what aspects of love God has helped you to grow and change in