

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1387: Can I Really Love Someone I Don't Like?

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Based on **1 Corinthians 13:1-6**, what does the Apostle Paul say is one thing God requires of us?

1. Love is **PATIENT**: What is the meaning of this word? (also, Ephesians 4:1-2)
 - How am I applying godly self-restraint in being forbearing with those I have a hard time tolerating?
2. Love is **KIND**: In what way is being kind more than just being nice? (also, Ephesians 4:31-32)
 - How am I replacing my reactive responses with useful actions towards those who annoy me?
3. Love is **NOT JEALOUS**: What are the two meanings of this word? (also, Acts 7:9, 2 Corinthians 11:2)
 - What small actions can I use to show someone I struggle with that their life matters?
4. Love **DOES NOT BRAG**: Why do we boast? (also, Galatians 5:24-26)
 - When am I boastful of my being the “better” person in a dispute?
5. Love is **NOT ARROGANT**: What is the difference between arrogance and edifying? (also, 1 Corinthians 8:1)
 - Am I secretly arrogant while pretending to be respectful towards difficult people?
6. Love **DOES NOT ACT UNBECOMINGLY**: What does this mean? (also, James 1:14-15)
 - Do I truly believe that those who challenge me deserve my highest level of godly behavior?
7. Love **DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN**: What does this mean? (also, 1 Peter 2:11-12)
 - How are we a witness to unbelievers now and after the resurrection? Why is this particularly important?
8. Love is **NOT PROVOKED**: How do we provoke others positively and/or negatively? (also, Acts 17:16,22)
 - How can I let go of my own agenda, remain unprovoked, and pursue God's agenda?
9. Love **DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A WRONG SUFFERED**: Keeping score! (also, Matthew 5:39)
 - How can I focus on loving those I don't trust as Jesus loves them? Do I hold old wrongs against them?
10. Love **DOES NOT REJOICE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**: Secretly full of glee! (also, Romans 6:13)
 - When have I privately smiled when those who have wronged me run into difficulties in their lives?
11. Love **REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH**: How do we sympathize with the difficult people? (also, John 8:3)
 - How can I enter happily into a challenging person's joy?