

# What is Love?

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A. Suffers long, patient.

Heb 6:15 And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.

James 5:7-8

1 Thess 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord "is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish."

Matt 18:26, 29, Luke 18:7

B. Is Kind. No other NT uses.

C. Does not envy, is not jealous.

Acts 7:9 "And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him.

Acts 17:5 But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace...

James 4:2

D. Does not parade itself, does not boast or brag. No other NT uses.

E. Is not puffed up, is not proud or arrogant.

1 Cor. 4:6 that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.

1 Cor. 4:18

1 Cor. 5:2 And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.

1 Cor. 8:1 Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

Col 2:18

F. Does not behave rudely, improperly or dishonorably toward others.

1 Cor. 7:36 But if any man thinks he is behaving improperly toward his virgin, if she is past the flower of youth, and thus it must be, let him do what he wishes. He does not sin; let them marry.

G. Does not seek its own, is not selfish.

Speaking of Timothy in Phil. 2:20-21— For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus.

H. Is not provoked, irritable, or easily angered.

Acts 17:16 (opposite of an unloving response) Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols.

I. Thinks no evil, keeps no record of wrongs.

What Paul was asking Philemon to do in Philemon 18-19 with regard to Onesimus: But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account. 19 I, Paul, am writing with my own hand. I will repay-- not to mention to you that you owe me even your own self besides.

J. Does not rejoice in iniquity, takes no delight in evil or wrongdoing or injustice.

Love is the opposite of Psalm 140:1-2 Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men; Preserve me from violent men, Who plan evil things in their hearts; They continually gather together for war.

K. Does rejoice in truth.

2 John 1:4 I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father.

3 John 1:3 For I rejoiced greatly when brethren came and testified of the truth that is in you, just as you walk in the truth.

L. Bears all things, protects.

1 Cor. 9:12 If others are partakers of this right over you, are we not even more? Nevertheless we have not used this right, but endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ.

1 Thess. 3:5 indicates there is a time to stop enduring and do something different.

M. Believes all things, trusts.

N. Hopes all things.

O. Endures all things, perseveres.

James 5:11 Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord-- that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

2 Timothy 2:12 If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.