

AN ENCOUNTER WITH LOVE Part 1



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WHAT IS LOVE?

¹ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NKJV)



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³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NKJV)



WHAT IS LOVE?

⁴ Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NKJV)



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⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ 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 13:1-13 (NKJV)



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⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NKJV)



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¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NKJV)

**WHAT IS LOVE?**

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- Does not envy
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- Thinks no evil

**WHAT IS LOVE?**

- Does not rejoice in iniquity
- Rejoices in the truth
- Bears all things
- Believes all things
- Hopes all things
- Endures all things
- Never fails

**1. LOVE IS LONGSUFFERING AND KIND**

⁴ Love endures long and is patient and kind;

1 Corinthians 13:4a (AMP)

**1. LOVE IS LONGSUFFERING AND KIND**

¹⁵ But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth.

Psalms 86:15 (NKJV)

**1. LOVE IS LONGSUFFERING AND KIND**

¹³ So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

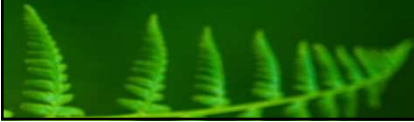
Joel 2:13 (NKJV)



2. LOVE DOES NOT ENVY

⁴ Love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy;

1 Corinthians 13:4b (AMP)

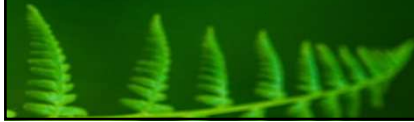


2. LOVE DOES NOT ENVY

¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

James 3:14,16 (NKJV)



2. LOVE DOES NOT ENVY

⁵ Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU."

Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV)



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Discussion Questions

Use the following questions this week to grow in your understanding and application of this message.

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13. How does this passage challenge your understanding of love?
2. Love is longsuffering (patient) and kind (also read the Amplified Translation). What is currently challenging your ability to be patient and longsuffering? How can you grow in kindness?
3. Love does not envy (also read the Amplified Translation). Where is there possibly discontent in your life that could lead to envy of someone else?
4. Pray with someone this week and confess your need before the Lord to grow in love by being more patient, kind and content. Keep one another accountable in the next few weeks.