



1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Expanded Interpretive Translation

1. Love patiently and passionately bears with others for as long as patience is needed;
2. Love doesn't demand others to be like itself; rather, it is so focused on the needs of others that it bends over backwards to become what others need it to be;
3. Love is not ambitious, self-centered, or so consumed with itself that it never thinks of the needs or desires that others possess;
4. Love doesn't go around talking about itself all the time, constantly exaggerating and embellishing the facts to make it look more important in the sight of others;
5. Love does not behave in a prideful, arrogant, haughty, superior, snooty, snobbish, or clannish manner;
6. Love is not rude and discourteous – it is not careless or thoughtless, nor does it carry on in a fashion that would be considered insensitive to others;
7. Love does not manipulate situations or scheme and devise methods that will twist situations to its own advantage.
8. Love does not deliberately engage in actions or speak words that are so sharp, they cause an ugly or violent response;
9. Love does not deliberately keep records of wrongs or past mistakes;
10. Love does not feel overjoyed when it sees an injustice done to someone else but is elated, thrilled, ecstatic, and overjoyed with the truth;
11. Love protects, shields, guards, covers, conceals, and safeguards people from exposure;
12. Love strains forward with all its might to believe the very best in every situation;
13. Love always expects and anticipates the best in others and the best for others;
14. Love never quits, never surrenders, and never gives up;
15. Love never disappoints, never fails, and never lets anyone down.



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1. I patiently and passionately bear with others for as long as patience is needed;
2. I don't demand others to be like myself; rather, I am so focused on the needs of others that I bend over backwards to become what others need me to be;
3. I am not ambitious, self-centered, or so consumed with myself that I never think of the needs or desires that others possess;
4. I don't go around talking about myself all the time, constantly exaggerating and embellishing the facts to make me look more important in the sight of others;
5. I do not behave in a prideful, arrogant, haughty, superior, snooty, snobbish, or clannish manner;
6. I am not rude and discourteous – I am not careless or thoughtless, nor do I carry on in a fashion that would be considered insensitive to others;
7. I do not manipulate situations or scheme and devise methods that will twist situations to my own advantage.
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14. I never quit, never surrender, and never give up;
15. I never disappoint, never fail, and never let anyone down.