



1 Corinthians 13:4, *Love waits patiently; love shows kindness. Love does not burn with envy; does not brag; is not inflated with its own importance.*

Luke 20:45-47, *And while all the people were listening, He said to the disciples, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love respectful greetings in the market places, and chief seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets, who devour widows’ houses, and for appearance’s sake offer long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.”*

LOVE IS NOT INFLATED WITH _____

1 Corinthians 13:4e, *Love is...not arrogant [esv, nasb]*

1 Corinthians 13:4e, *Love is...not proud [niv]*

1 Corinthians 13:4e, *Love is not inflated with its own importance. [Thiselton]*

- ✳ **Phusioo** | primary sense of blowing; to inflate; to figuratively make proud; to puff up.
- ✳ **Phillips paraphrase** | ...nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance.
- ✳ **Arrogance** | An exaggerated sense of one's own importance or abilities; to consider yourself superior to others; to consider yourself deserving of all you have.
- ✳ **Comparative Arrogance** | An inflated ranking of one's own abilities, traits, or accomplishments when compared to other people. This person believes they are better than others, often in a competitive way.
- ✳ **Biblical Overview of Arrogance & Pride** | A negative quality that involves an excessively high opinion of oneself, an excessive preoccupation with oneself, even to the point of rebellion against God. It is a self-centered attitude of attributing honor and glory to oneself, and of self-admiration.

GOD’S LOVE IS _____

Matthew 11:28-29, *Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

- ✳ **If we want to know about the humility of God**, just look at Jesus.
- ✳ **Humble** | tapeinos: (figuratively) humiliated (in circumstances or disposition): cast down, humble, of low degree.

John 13:1-5, *Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him, Jesus...rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him.*

- ✳ **By washing the Disciples’ feet**, Jesus demonstrated his humble love for them.
- ✳ **On the cross of Roman humiliation**, Jesus showed his perfect and complete love for you.

LOVE FOR GOD _____ HUMBLE

- ✳ **To love God means I am humble** in my relationship with Him, and that I humble myself before Him, as the giver of every good thing in my life.

1 Corinthians 4:7b, *What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?*

✳ **Every good thing in our lives comes from God**, so we have no reason to be proud or arrogant.

Luke 7:1-10, *When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum. And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die. When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave. When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him; for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue." Now Jesus started on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof; for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith." When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.*

James 4:6-10, *But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

✳ **Humble Yourselves** | submit to God, resist sin, cleanse your hands of sin, and mourn your sin.

✳ **Humble Yourselves** | Don't wait for someone or something else to do it.

✳ **And He Will Exalt You** | God will give you all that you need, when you need it. You can count on Him to exalt you as you live a life of humility, reflecting the love of Jesus.

LOVE _____ OTHERS

1 Corinthians 8:1b-3, *...Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.*

✳ **Mere Knowledge Puffs Up** | facts and information, without love, simply make us think we are more than we actually are, but love builds up and blesses others.

Luke 22:24-26, *A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves."*

Philippians 2:3-7, *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*

WAYS TO GET _____

✳ **C.S. Lewis** | "If anyone would like to acquire humility, I can, I think, tell him the first step. The first step is to realize that one is proud. And a biggish step, too. At least, nothing whatever can be done before it. If you think you are not conceited, it means you are very conceited indeed."

1. START BY BEING HUMBLE TOWARD _____

2. TRUST GOD TO _____

3. _____ HUMILITY WITH OTHERS

1 Peter 5:5-7, *Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.*