



# LOVE DOES NOT BEHAVE

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- ✳ **Rude** | aschemoneo: to behave unbecoming, unseemly, ill manners, rude.
- ✳ **This principle has to do with** | poor manners, acting rudely, dishonoring others. It does not care enough for those it is around to act politely. It cares nothing for their feelings or sensitivities. The loveless person is careless, overbearing, and often crude.
- ✳ **Positively** | love is polite, respectful, considerate, kind, gracious, good-mannered, civil.
- ✳ **This isn't just about having good manners**, but good manners motivated by a genuine love and respect for other people.

**Luke 7:36-48**, *Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher." "Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven - for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."*

# LOVE FOR GOD IS NOT

- ✳ **Part of what it means to love God** is that I treat Him with the honor and respect He deserves. I have a grateful heart for Who He is and what He has done for me.
- ✳ **Part of what it means to be rude to God** includes being ungrateful, to ignore Him, to disobey, refuse to submit, and be complacent toward Him.

**Luke 7:44-46**, *"I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet...You gave me no kiss...You did not anoint my head with oil..."*

- ✳ **Simon is rude** to Jesus and treats Him with dishonor and disrespect.

**Luke 7:37-38**, *And behold, there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet, and anointing them with the perfume.*

- ✳ **The unexpected twist in this story** is that a woman who is a known "sinner" shows love for Jesus through the honor and respect she gives Him, while Simon the Pharisee is rude.

**Luke 7:44-46**, *Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? ...she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair...from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet...she has anointed my feet with ointment...”*

- ✳ **Simon was rude to Jesus** | He didn't provide water for Jesus to wash his feet, he didn't greet Jesus with the customary kiss, and he didn't anoint Jesus' head with oil.
- ✳ **The woman showed love to Jesus** | She washed His feet with her tears and hair, she kept kissing His feet, and she anointed his feet with expensive perfume.

**Luke 7:40-48**, *And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he answered, “Say it, Teacher.” “Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said. Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon...“Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven - for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”*

### THERE ARE 2 LOVING PEOPLE IN THIS STORY:

- ✳ **Jesus** | He loved Simon by accepting his invitation and spending time with him. Jesus also showed love for the woman by honoring her actions and forgiving her sins.
- ✳ **The Woman** | She showed a staggering display of honor for Jesus in the midst of people who only intended to dishonor Him.

### WHICH PERSON IN THE STORY AM I?

- ✳ **Am I like Simon?** Am I rude, ungrateful, and unloving toward Jesus and others?
- ✳ **Am I like the Woman?** I understand that I have been forgiven much and therefore love much. Does my worship of Jesus rightly reflect the degree to which I've been forgiven?

## LOVE FOR OTHERS IS

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**1 Corinthians 11:17-22**, *But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you...When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.*

**1 Corinthians 13:5a**, *Love does not behave rudely.*

- ✳ **Loving People means** that I treat them with dignity, as someone created in the image of God, and someone for whom Christ died.

**1 Peter 3:8**, *Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.*

**Ephesians 4:15**, *Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.*

**Philippians 2:3**, *Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.*

**Romans 12:10**, *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.*

### STRATEGY 1: FOR THE RUDE THINGS I

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- ✳ I need to call my rude behavior what it is, repent of it, pray (asking God to change my heart), and ask others to pray for me.

### STRATEGY 2: FOR THE RUDE THINGS I

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- ✳ I need to identify people I can trust and give them permission to tell me when I'm being rude, and help me change.