



1 Corinthians 13:4-7, *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not arrogant. It is not rude, does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable, it is not resentful; Love does not delight in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

1. PATIENT

- ❖ **Makrothumeo**: long-spirited, long-suffering; patiently endure
- ★ **Loving God** means I trust Him as I wait on his timing and plans for me
- ★ **Loving People** is the ability to be inconvenienced or sinned against by someone again and again without giving up on them

2 Peter 3:8-9, *But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

2. KIND

- ❖ **Chresteuomai**: to show oneself useful
- ★ **Loving God** means I'm not a spiritual spectator, but actively look for ways to serve Him with my resources
- ★ **Loving People** means I actively serve their needs as a way to serve God

Romans 2:4, *Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?*

3. DOES NOT ENVY

- ❖ **Zeloo**: a strong desire, to boil, to covet, "zeal"
- ★ **Loving God** means I am fully satisfied with Him and what He gives me
- ★ **Loving People** means I can celebrate the blessings of others because I am fully satisfied with God

Psalms 107:9, *For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.*

4. DOES NOT BOAST

- ❖ **Perpereuomai**: to brag; to vaunt itself
- ★ **Loving God** means that I boast about Him, as He deserves
- ★ **Loving People** means that I don't brag about myself to them, but instead talk about Jesus, who He is, and what He has done for us

2 Corinthians 10:17, *Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.*

5. IS NOT ARROGANT

- ❖ **Phusioo**: to inflate, to puff up
- ★ **Loving God** means I humble myself before Him, as the giver of every good thing in my life
- ★ **Loving People** means I put their needs before my own, just as Jesus put my needs before His rights

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?*

James 4:10, *Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.*

6. IS NOT RUDE

- ❖ **Aschemoneo**: behave unseemly, ill manners
- ★ **Loving God** means I treat God with the respect He deserves and have a grateful heart for Who He is and what He has done for me
- ★ **Loving People** means I treat them with the dignity they deserve as someone created in the image of God, and someone for whom Christ died.

Luke 7:44-47, *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."*

7. DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY

- ❖ **Zeteo + Heautou:** to seek or worship or plot + self
- ★ **Loving God** means I seek His Will, not mine
- ★ **Loving People** means I put Jesus at the center of my relationships and I look for ways to serve and bless them, just as Jesus has done for me

Matthew 16:24, *Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

Matthew 20:28, *even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

8. NOT IRRITABLE

- ❖ **Paroxuno:** to exasperate; easily provoke; stir
- ★ **Loving God** means I am not frustrated with Him when his plans for me are inconvenient, difficult, or not what I desire for myself
- ★ **Loving People** means I don't get easily angered when they offend me or sin against me

James 1:19b, *...let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;*

9. NOT RESENTFUL

- ❖ **Logizomai:** bookkeeping term: to calculate and enter into a ledger
- ★ **Loving God** means that I believe He is good all the time, and when I experience His will as something I don't enjoy or understand, I believe that God will be shown to have done the right thing when all the facts are known
- ★ **Loving People** means I don't keep a record of the ways they have sinned against me, but instead I release them of those things, just as God has done for me, in Christ

2 Corinthians 5:19, *in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.*

10. DOES NOT DELIGHT IN WRONGDOING BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH

- ❖ **Chairo + Adikia:** not cheerful over injustice or wrongdoing
- ❖ **Sugchairo + Aletheia:** rejoice in the Truth
- ★ **Loving God** means I don't delight in what is evil, but I rejoice in the truth of God's Word
- ★ **Loving People** means I don't take delight when they engage in wrongdoing or get ensnared in the consequences of it. Instead, I rejoice when others embrace the truth of God's Word, repent, and live according to the truth

Isaiah 5:20, *Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!*

11. IT ALWAYS PROTECTS

- ❖ **Stego:** to roof over; to cover with silence – endure patiently
- ★ **Loving God** means I protect our relationship, even when it's difficult to follow Jesus or I don't understand what He is doing
- ★ **Loving People** means I will cover them with love when they are struggling

1 Peter 4:8, *Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.*

12. ALWAYS TRUSTS

- ❖ **Pisteuo:** to have faith in
- ★ **Loving God** means I always trust Him, His will, and His plans for me, even when they are hard or inconvenient
- ★ **Loving People** means I will always choose to believe in the best possible outcome for them

13. ALWAYS HOPES

- ❖ **Elpidzo:** to expect, to trust
- ★ **Loving God** means that I find my hope in Him when things seem hopeless
- ★ **Loving People** means that as long as there is life, I don't lose hope for them

Romans 15:13, *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

14. ALWAYS PERSEVERES

- ❖ **Hupomeno:** to stay under; to remain
- ★ **Loving God** means that even when life is hard, I will continue to trust Him, His Word, and His plans for me
- ★ **Loving People** means that I will never stop loving them!