

Love endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love is/Love is not

- *Love is patient and kind; – 1 Cor. 13:4*
- *Does not envy or boast; – 1 Cor. 13:4*

Envy – to have intense negative feelings over another’s achievements or success.¹

Proverbs 27:2

Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips.

- *It is not arrogant or rude. – 1 Cor. 13:4-5*

“Young men, I beseech you earnestly, beware of pride. Two things are said to be very rare sights in the world: one is a young man humble, and the other is an old man content.” – J. C. Ryle

- *It does not insist on its own way; – 1 Cor. 13:5*
 - Love insists on God’s best – Luke 12:31 *Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.*

- Love defers – Philippians 2:3-5a *Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.* ⁴ *Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.* ⁵ *Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,*
- *It is not irritable or resentful;* – 1 Cor. 13:5

Resentful – does not count up wrongdoings.

- *It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.* – 1 Cor. 13:6
- *Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.* – 1 Cor. 13:7

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.

Takeaways

- Why do I struggle with envy? – 13:4
 - Insecurity? Fear of replacement? Fear of irrelevancy?
 - What does Jesus say about that?
- Do I rejoice with the truth even if it means I need to change? – 13:6
 - What do I really want?
- What has God allowed me to bear and endure? – 13:7
 - How can enduring these things lead to greater things?

¹ W. Arndt, F. W. Danker, W. Bauer, & F. W. Gingrich, *A Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament and other early Christian literature* 3rd ed. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 427.