



A Reflection on 1 Corinthians 13

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“I use this as an Examination of Conscience as to how well I am loving others”

LOVE is...

Patient – bears trials, steadfast despite difficulty

Kind – affectionate, loving, sympathetic, friendly, gentle, agreeable, pleasant

Not jealous – envious, malicious, begrudging

LOVE does not...

Boast – put on airs, brag, glorify self

LOVE is not...

Conceited – proud, snobbish, arrogant, overbearing, insolent

Rude – vulgar, forceful, lacking delicacy, uncouth, offensive in manner or action, discourteous

Selfish – thinks of self first, ambitious, disregarding others needs or desires

Easily angered – indignant, rage, wrath, irritable, does not take offense

Resentful – holding grudges, brooding over injuries, malice

Not happy – not contented, not pleased

with evil – offensive behavior, disagreeable behavior, something that brings sorrow, suffering

LOVE...

Rejoices in the truth – takes no pleasure in other people's sins, does not gossip

Thinks no evil – intends, plans, remembers, expects, imagines

LOVE does not...

Rejoice in – delight in

Wrong – mistakes, injustice, sin, immorality

LOVE...

Believes all things – is ready to excuse, looks for the good in others

Trusts – depends on, relies on, has confidence in

Hopes – desires with expectation of fulfillment, expects

Perseveres – endures, never gives up, persists despite opposition or discouragement

Has forbearance – leniency, tolerance, mercy

Never ends – fails, weakens, fades, stops, disappoints, neglects, deserts



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