#### Love One Another

John 13:34-35

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A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

Rom 12:10 In <u>love of the brethren</u> be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another;

Heb 13:1 Let love of the brethren continue.

1 Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned <u>love of the brethren</u>, <u>love one</u> another from the heart fervently:

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Eph 5:25

25 **Husbands, love your wives**, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it; ASV

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Titus 2:1-5

"But speak thou the things which befit the sound doctrine: that aged men be temperate, grave, soberminded, sound in faith, in love, in patience: that aged women likewise be reverent in demeanor, not slanderers nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good; Titus 2:1-5

"that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, (to be) sober-minded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

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#### Characteristics Of Love 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

#### Love suffers long...

- Slowness to anger or passion; patient (Heb. 10:36; James 5:11) forbearance and endurance of wrong. Overcoming the natural impulse to justify displeasure. Eph. 4:1-3; cf. 1 Pet. 2:23; Col. 3:12-13
  - Here we see the state of mind which can endure trials when oppression comes.
  - cf. Rev. 2:2-3 Church at Ephesus.
  - cf. Rev. 2:18-19 Church at Thyatira.

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#### Love is kind.

- Kindness denotes good-nature, gentleness, tender, affectionate. (cf. 2 Tim. 2:24-25)
  - Love is not harsh, sour or ill-natured.
  - Politeness, consideration and courtesy are results of love.
- Tit. 2:5; Eph. 4:31-32

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#### Love envies not.

- Envy and jealousy are related. To envy is to feel uneasiness, or discontent at the sight of another's accomplishments; whether it be learning, wealth, beauty, reputation or success.
- Prov. 14:30 "Envy is the rottenness of the bones."
- Gal. 5:19 "They who practice such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."
- 1 Pet. 2:1 "Put away ... all malice and all guile and hypocrisies and envies, and all evil speaking..."

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Love vaunteth not itself. ...does not thrust itself forward, nor take the higher seats in the synagogue (cf. Lk. 14:7-11)

 Boasting or vaunting of one's own excellencies or endowments. Rom. 1:30

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Is not puffed up... (Inflated opinions of one's self Rom. 12:3)

- Prov. 8:13 "Pride, and arrogancy,... do I hate."
- Prov. 16:5 "Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord."

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- Does not behave itself unseemly...
   (cf. 2 Cor. 8:12) "Things that look right" are important to this individual. He is careful to avoid every form of evil. (1 Thess. 5:22)
- Love would cause one to conduct himself properly and honorably, above reproach.
- Language, morals, dress, improper allusions and implications.

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Seeketh not her own.. (IS NOT SELFISH)

- 1 Cor. 10:24 "Let no man seek his own, but each his neighbor's good." ASV
- Gal. 6:2 "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."
- Phil. 2:2-4 "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others."
   cf. Phil. 2:19-21 Example of Timothy.
- cf. Paul 1 Cor. 9:22-23; 10:33; 2 Cor. 7:3; Rom. 15:2
   Seek the welfare of others with self-denial, personal sacrifice and toil.

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**Is not easily provoked.** Not likely to take offense readily, not easily excited to anger.

- He is slow to anger or wrath. cf. James 1:19.
- Note Acts 17:16 (Only other time the word is used.)

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Prov. 14

- 17 He that is soon angry will deal foolishly; And a man of wicked devices is hated.
- 29 He that is slow to anger is of great understanding; But he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

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Prov. 15:1

A soft answer turneth away wrath; But a grievous word stirreth up anger.

Prov. 16:32

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty;
And he that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city.

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Prov. 25:28

He whose spirit is without restraint Is (like) a city that is broken down and without walls.

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Prov. 30:33

33 For the churning of milk bringeth forth butter,
And the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood
So the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife. ASV

#### Compare the NIV...

33 For as churning the milk produces butter, and as twisting the nose produces blood, so stirring up anger produces strife.

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Is not easily provoked.

Ecclesiastes 7:9

Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.

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#### Thinketh no evil. cf. 2 Cor. 5:19

- Does not surmise evil and put the worst construction on the acts of others.
- This means we ought to put the best possible construction on the motives and conduct of others.
- One who loves as he should will not be malicious or disposed to faultfinding.

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#### Rejoiceth not in iniquity...

- Wicked men often find pleasure in finding the faults of others and rejoice when others have fallen into sin and have disgraced and ruined themselves. cf. Rom. 1:28-32
- Samuel over Saul, 1 Sam, 15
- Paul over the Jewish brethren. Rom. 9:1-3;
   10:1

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#### Rejoiceth in the truth.

- cf. 2 Jno. 4; Cf. Eph. 4:15: 3 Jno. 12; cf. Prov. 17:15 "He that justifieth the wicked and he that condemneth the righteous. Both of them alike ar an abomination to Jehovah."
- Do not rejoice in the error of a brother, but rejoice in his virtues.

cf. Phil. 1:12-18; James 3:5ff

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#### Love Beareth all things.

- Covereth all things... the faults of others. "Love covereth a multitude of sins." 1 Pet. 4:8
- cf. Mt. 18:15ff; Mt. 5:23
- cf. 1 Pet. 4:7-8

# Characteristics Of Love 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Believeth all things... hopeth all things... - Hope is based on faith. Heb. 11:1; Rom. 10:17 Endureth all things. Bears up under and does not murmur. cf. Phil. 2:12ff.

