

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:4-6  
Topic: Love. Selfishness.  
Study: First Corinthians  
Week: 52  
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*Weeding Out the Bad Stuff*



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**1. Get** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.4b-6a)

*1 Cor. 13:4-7*  
<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. **It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.** <sup>5</sup> It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love **does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.** <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. (NIV)

**2. Battle** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.4b-5a)

**3. Fight** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.5b-6a)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. What kind of trouble have you encountered in your Christian life because you did what *felt* right, but it turned out that your feelings didn't square with God's standards and expectations?

Read Galatians 5:17. How aware of this truth are you on a daily basis? In what contexts do you tend to forget this truth and find yourself defaulting to whatever seems natural, common or humanly reasonable?

2. Describe how selfishness has foiled a relationship in your past.

How is selfishness sometimes evident in...

...your choice of friends?

...your choice of social or fellowship activities?

...your words and topics of discussion?

3. In what areas of your involvement with others are you most prone to be impatient and irritable?

What practical steps can you take to remember to interface with others with more of God's gracious and merciful perspective? How does a realistic look at yourself help?

*Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*Num.32-33 & Pr.29*

**Monday**

*Num.34-35 & Pr.30*

**Tuesday**

*Num.36 & Pr.31*

**Wednesday**

*Deut.1-2 & Lk.1*

**Thursday**

*Deut.3-4 & Lk.2*

**Friday**

*Deut.5-6 & Lk.3*

**Saturday**

*Deut.7-8 & Lk.4*

*Here are some resources which may help you understand and implement the truths presented in this week's sermon.*

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