

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
Topic: Love
Study: First Corinthians
Week: 53
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Prompted by Love
In Search of a Divine Motive



1. Just _____ (vv.4a, 6b-7 [# 1-7])

1 *Corinthians 13:4-7*

4 **Love is patient, love is kind.**

It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

⁶ Love does not delight in evil **but rejoices with the truth.**

⁷ **It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.** (NIV)

2. Risk _____ (vv.4a, 7 [# 1, 4, 7])

How Love Acts (Positive)

#1) love is patient

#2) love is kind

#3) [love] rejoices with the truth

#4) [love] always protects

#5) [love] always trusts

#6) [love] always hopes

#7) [love] always perseveres

3. Dispense _____ (vv.4a, 6b-7 [# 2-3, 5-6])

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. Describe a situation in your Christian life when you sensed the obvious need to seek God's enabling to meet a challenge you were facing.

The more we understand the "God kind" of love that is spelled out in 1 Corinthians 13, the more we come to recognize that it is truly beyond us! Give an example or two of how you have inadvertently lowered the standard in your own relationships and settled for a less than divine motive in your dealings with others.

2. Think of a difficult relationship – perhaps a situation in which you were hurt or wronged. How does our study in 1 Corinthians 13 challenge you to respond to that person differently than you have been?

Give a couple of examples of people (inside or outside the Bible) who showed a "God kind" of love in the face of those who failed them.

3. Read Luke 6:32-36. What generous expressions of undeserved kindness will you show to others this week?
4. Write out a prayer that reflects your dependence on God to love others this week with a kind of love that is beyond you!

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

Sunday

Deut.9-10 & Lk.5

Monday

Deut.11-12 & Lk.6

Tuesday

Deut.13-14 & Lk.7

Wednesday

Deut.15-16 & Lk.8

Thursday

Deut.17-18 & Lk.9

Friday

Deut.19-20 & Lk.10

Saturday

Deut.21-22 & Lk.11

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

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