

for the word lust. In order to achieve a conquest, they profess to "love" the young woman.

Or sometimes it is suggested that if someone truly shows love, he or she will not criticise the questionable activities of another. The argument goes something like this: "You ought to show love for this person instead of saying he or she is wrong."

According to 1 Corinthians 13, what is love, and how do we demonstrate it? Here are some highlights:

Love is patient. Love waits. Impatience is of the flesh.

Love is kind; love is not rude; love is not self-seeking. To show love for another is to be thoughtful and gentle, even in disagreement. Too often a girl will put up with her boyfriend's meanness and violent anger or a wife may endure her husband's wrath, thinking he loves her. These actions are not evidence of love.

Love does not rejoice in evil but rejoices in truth; it always protects. Let's say a friend is poisoning herself slowly by drinking. Is it best to just avoid the subject and let her guzzle away? Some would say you shouldn't dictate how another person behaves. Yet love gives protection and truthfulness, wrapped in kindness. Jesus was full of grace and truth

What part of the word love don't you understand? Study 1 Corinthians 13 to find out what it means.



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I LOVE YOU BROTHER!

Chapter: 1 Corinthians 13

Theme: Love– the Everest of Christian experience

Key concept: Love is seen in our actions

Key verse: "Love never fails" 1 Corinthians 13:8

You've heard the rather sarcastic remark that sometimes follows a refusal to take "no" for an answer: "What part of the word 'no' don't you understand?"

I'd like to suggest that there are many times we need to ask ourselves: "What part of the word 'love' don't we understand?"

For example, the word love is used by young men who have confused it





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The Way of Fruitfulness



The Summit of:

- ◆ Godliness
- ◆ Brotherly kindness
- ◆ Love



The Hard climb of:

- ◆ Self control
- ◆ Perseverance



The Foot-Hills of:

- ◆ Faith
- ◆ Virtue
- ◆ Knowledge

(2 Peter 1:5-7) "But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, {6} to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, {7} to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love."



?Real love

In 1 Corinthians 13 there are four descriptions of sacrificial love:

1. The _____ focus of love is _____, verses 6-7



(Romans 5:8) "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

(1 John 3:16) "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

(1 John 4:19) "We love Him because He first loved us."

(Hebrews 1:9) "You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; ..."

2. The _____ focus of love is _____, verses 4-5

(Mark 12:29-31) "Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. {30} 'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. {31} "And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.""



3. The _____ of love to all those around me, verses 4-5



(Deuteronomy 23:12-13) ""Also you shall have a place outside the camp, where you may go out; {13} "and you shall have an implement among your equipment, and when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it and turn and cover your refuse."

(Ephesians 5:3-4) "But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints; {4} neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks."

4. The _____ of love when _____, verses 4-5, 7-8

(1 Peter 4:8) ".. "love will cover a multitude of sins.""

