

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

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1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away. For we know in part, and we prophecy in part; but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known. But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Four Greek Words

Storgē _____

Erōs _____

Phílos _____

Agapē _____

16 Descriptors (8 Negative and 8 Positive)

Love is _____

is **PATIENT**

is **KIND**

Love is _____

is not **JEALOUS**

does **not BRAG**

is not **ARROGANT**

Love is _____

does not **ACT UNBECOMINGLY**
does not **SEEK ITS OWN**
is not **PROVOKED**
does not **TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A WRONG SUFFERED**

Love is _____

DOES NOT REJOICE in **UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**
but **REJOICES** in the **TRUTH**

Make sure that your love has limits. Love is like a river; a river that flows and is a thing of beauty. Creatures of nature find delight in floating upon it, and drawing water from it. Cities are built around it. But let that river leave its banks, and flood, and destruction, and disease will happen. People will be driven from their homes and sickness is carried into destruction. The banks along the river of love are truth, righteous, and discernment. The standard of God's truth, the Scriptures, have to be applied with discernment or the river will flood and destruction will occur. Open your home and your heart to every wind of doctrine, even if you do so in the name of love, and you will be washed away.

Charles Swindoll

Love is _____

BEARS ALL THINGS
BELIEVES ALL THINGS
HOPES ALL THINGS
ENDURES ALL THINGS
NEVER FAILS

When love has no evidence it believes the best. When the evidence is adverse, it hopes for the best and when hopes are repeatedly disappointed it courageously waits.

Alfred Plummer

How do we become men and women characterized by love?

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- 2.
- 3.