

FOOD FOR TRANSFORMATION SPIRITUAL JOURNEY



What Kind of Love Is This

Hello Woman on the Rise,

1Corinthians 13:4-8

I started thinking about various holidays and how people get so wrapped up in the material aspect of them. For example, look at Valentine's Day. How many people run out to purchase a card, flowers, chocolate candy or even a gift for? How much thought, money and time people put into this day to make it special for their significant other? Many hours used to find the perfect gift for that person!

Well, what have you given to God lately? What time have you spent thinking on how you can give him more of your time? What can you give him that would make him smile, put a gleam in his eyes and even make his heart putter?

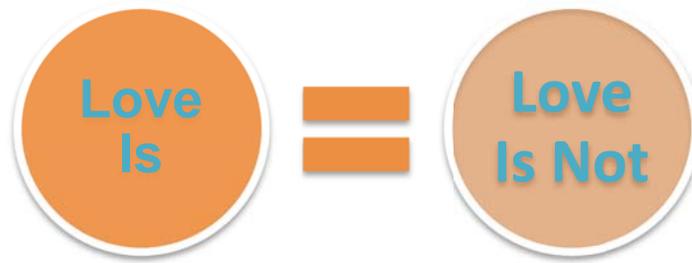
When I think about love it brings me to the 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 that says *“Love suffers long, and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, it is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not*

rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in truth; bears all things, believes all things, hope all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”

Reading this makes me to appreciate the love of God even more in my life. If it wasn't for his love I would not be here today. He was so patient with me when I could not see where I was going. He never left me nor has he forsaken me and this was all because of his love for me.

Our daily walk should exemplify the love of God we have in our hearts. When we see a beggar, are we judgmental or are we just willing to help him/her? When we see the poor, do we say I have clothes in my closet that may be able to fit them or do we turn our heads and look the other way? When our children need our attention, do we chase them away or we take the time and listen to their voice?

I challenge you today to take a moment to think about how God has loved you and re-analyze how you love HIM.



What love does (POSITIVE & self-less)	What love does not do (NEGATIVE & selfish)
Is patient	Is not jealous
Is kind	Does not brag
Rejoices with the truth	Is not arrogant
Bears all things	Does not act unbecomingly
Believes all things	Does not seek its own interests
Hopes all things	Is not provoked
Endures all things	Does not hold a grudge
Never fails	Does not rejoice in unrighteousness

Love is patient (*macrothumeo*) = to be long-suffering, slow to anger, slow to punish. It is the quality of self-restraint in the face of provocation which does not hastily retaliate. This shows how a loving person should behave when he or she is on the *receiving* end of offenses.

Love is kind (*chresteuomai*) = to demonstrate grace and good nature; to act benevolently. This next quality shows us how a loving person should behave with he or she is on the *giving* end of the relationship.

Love is not jealous (*zeloo*) = to passionately covet for one's self the things which another person possesses; to burn with envy against another person. We might call this quality "selfish passion." This kind of attitude is sometimes produced by a deep sense of personal *inferiority*, and the apostle Paul had addressed the issue of inferiority in chapter twelve. But the attitude produced by God's kind of love is one of contentment and joy.

Love does not brag (*perpereuomai*) = to boast about one's own greatness; to display one's self prominently. This kind of attitude is often produced by a sense of *superiority* over others, and it expresses itself through feelings of contempt or disregard for

others. But God's kind of love would regard others with value and respect.

Love is not arrogant (*phusioo*) = to be inflated, puffed up with pride, haughty. This is the same term that was used in 1 Corinthians 4:6, 18, 19; 5:2; 8:1, and from these references we know that this was a large problem in the Corinthian church. In the previous phrase ("Love does not brag") Paul was describing the expression of an attitude of superiority, but here in this phrase Paul is describing the inward attitude that produces those kinds of expressions.

Love does not act unbecomingly (*aschemoneo*) = to act in an inappropriate or unseemly manner. This is the verb form of the same word Paul had used in 1 Corinthians 12:23 to describe the less presentable members of the body which we keep covered from view.

Love is not provoked (*paroxuno*) = not to be easily irritated or goaded into anger and indignation; is not prone to violent outbursts or rage.

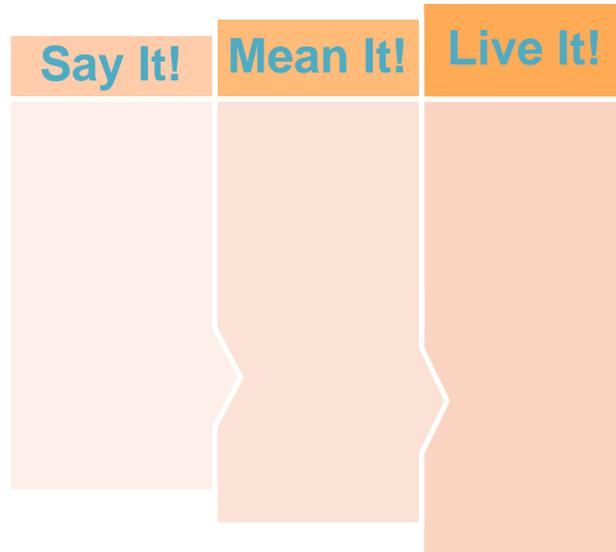
Love does not take into account a wrong suffered (*logizomai*) = to keep a record of offenses. This term was actually an accounting or bookkeeping term, so it has the idea of keeping a detailed history or inventory of wrongs -- who did what to whom, and when and how. Not to keep such a record means that we will have short memories of wrongs that were committed against us, and this can only be accomplished by practicing true forgiveness.

Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness (*chairo*) = to be glad or to take pleasure in injustice or what is wrong.

Love never fails (*pipto*) = to fall or fall away. Love never falls away; it always holds its place. Love is of permanent, lasting value throughout time and eternity. Love is an essential aspect of the character of God Himself, and it will continue to endure.

Remember This Affirmation

What Kind of LOVE Is This!



I Affirm: The Holy God perfectly aligns my partner and me physically, sexually, emotionally and intellectually.

Say It: _____

Mean It: _____

Live It: _____

In the Spirit



God is committed to us. He is committed to being with us even when we try to distance ourselves from Him. He is committed to our good even when we are being bad. He is committed to not forsaking us even when we forsake Him. He is committed to loving us even

when we love other gods. God is committed to us. He wants us with Him forever.

I commit: God, I love you and I need you in my life. Father, come into my heart; hear my plea and bless me with your love, kindness and generosity so that I may live a life that is happy, healthy, wealthy and wise.

Today, I invite you to re-analyze and re-new your commitment to your God!

God Bless You,

Elder Plezie Small, God's Pusher

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