

## The Power Of Love

### Lesson 3. Love's Characteristics and Qualities

1 Corinthians 13:4-8,a

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4 Love is patient,  
love is kind and  
is not jealous;  
love does not brag and is not arrogant,  
5 does not act unbecomingly;  
it does not seek its own,  
is not provoked,  
does not take into account a wrong suffered,  
6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness,  
but rejoices with the truth;  
7 bears all things,  
believes all things,  
hopes all things,  
endures all things.  
8 Love never fails . . .

#### Concise Definitions

is long suffering, has no hasty anger  
is willing to help  
does not envy or covet  
doesn't think too highly or become haughty  
doesn't act indecently, uncomely, unseemly  
doesn't put self first  
doesn't get incited to anger or indignation  
doesn't reckon to an account, impute  
has no pleasure in wrong  
finds joy in unveiled reality  
covers other's mistakes, bears up under anything  
trusts in and embraces with hope  
expects with desire  
bears up under various difficulties over time  
never falls from one place to another

Do these five words summarize God love?

1. Selfless
2. Humble
3. Supportive
4. Constant
5. Reliable

Study love's characteristics so you will know what to expect as God forms His love in you. Don't study them in order to try and make yourself be or do them. That won't work because you can't do spiritual things using soulish resources. Instead, surrender yourself to God and cooperate with Him as He manifests Himself and His love to you and through you. This is where you will begin to see the power of love in your life. Your personal outlook on life will be changed, followed by transformation in your relationships.