Not Boastful, Puffed Up, Rude, Self Seeking

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INTRODUCTION

- If God could say that to this church, to these brethren with all the problems they had and say it with encouragement, then he can say it to us.
- The love described in this passage that God wants us to partake of can never be separated from action.
- God's description of love is deeds, selfless deeds on behalf of others like God has done for us.

1 Love Does Not Parade Itself

1 Corinthians 13:4

- The first represents the verbalizing of pride, and the second represents the attitude of pride that is behind it.
- It's from a root word in Greek that literally means a windbag.
- Bragging wants other folks to feel that you are superior. And ladies and gentlemen, love doesn't do that.
- Because love's notion is that others need to be put above me. That's the way love acts.
- Every member of every congregation to remember that our allegiance is to Jesus Christ, our master, and that's all.

2 Love Is Not Puffed Up

1 Corinthians 13:4

- It's from the word fusio, which means to blow up.
- You are not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.
- Love recognizes everything we have is from God.
- Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. Love is always trying to figure out a way to build somebody else up, not myself.
- Humility never started a fight. But pride starts a lot of them.
- Love is not big-headed. Love is big hearted.

3 Love Does Not Behave Rudely

1 Corinthians 13:5; Luke 7:37–42

- Love has good manners. I think that is precisely what the Lord is talking about.
- Poor manners and rudeness are saying this. I don't love you because I could care less what affects you.
- 1 Corinthians 13, ladies and gentlemen, will fix your home and my home.
- Undisciplined behavior that doesn't care about the responses of others is not the way love acts.
- Love is never rude because it is always lost in its concern over how what I do affects somebody else.

- Instead of bringing this precious woman who was a sinner, embarrassment, Jesus did something to bring out the importance of what she was doing.

4 Love Does Not Seek Its Own

1 Corinthians 13:5; Philippians 2:19–22

- Love does not insist on having its own way. Love does not pursue selfish advantage.
- The only people who contribute in this world are those who love the way God loves us. And love does not seek its own.
- The portrait of love given in this passage is a portrait of Jesus Christ my Lord.
- For all seek their own and not the things which are of Christ Jesus.
- He's going to care for your state, not his own.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **May God help us, Christians, as we try to portray the character of God Himself, to make it part of our lives to reflect these things we've talked about tonight that are aspects of love as God would have it.**

MY NOTES