Our Family Loves

Ken Chapman · 1 Corinthians 13:1–7

INTRODUCTION

- We treat family worse than we would treat a complete stranger. And that's not right. And that's not biblical.
- And so, if you want to learn love, go to the source and learn God.
- It's something I'm going to have to actively work at, not just something that's just passively going to happen.

1 Love Is Patient and Not Irritable

1 Corinthians 13:4–5

- Patient is translated from a word that's really a compound word that means long tempered.
- Love is going to be tolerant and understanding and long suffering.
- Not only is that a characteristic of love, but that's a necessity in a family, isn't it?
- God could at every time that we sin and transgress his law could just strike us down. But God is long-tempered.

2 Love Is Kind and Not Rude

1 Corinthians 13:4–5; Luke 5:39

- Love is going to be kind, and it's not going to be rude.
- No one having drunk old wine immediately desires new, for he says the old is better.
- That word better is our word kind.
- In other words, what Paul is saying here is love will mind its manners. It won't be rude.

3 Love Does Not Envy and Is Not Resentful

1 Corinthians 13:4–5; Galatians 5:26

- Love is going to appreciate when someone else does good or when good is done to or for that other person.
- Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.
- Love doesn't make it all about me. Love can look at you and say, good for you.
- It's literally the idea of keeping account of evil.

4 Love Is Not Boastful or Arrogant

1 Corinthians 13:4–5

- If love isn't boastful, love will control its speech.
- Love does not insist on its own way. But my way's the right way.
- Love in other texts in the New Testament tells us puts the interest of others before self.

- The Holy Spirit says love doesn't insist on its own way. Okay. Let's do it your way.

5 Love Does Not Rejoice at Wrongdoing

1 Corinthians 13:6; Galatians 6:1

- Love's just not going to rejoice in something that's bad.
- I'm not going to rejoice in iniquity, but I'm also not going to rejoice in correcting sin or iniquity.
- You who are spiritual, you are spiritually minded and have the mind of God, the mind of Christ, who have spiritual humility who can go to someone without delighting.
- Love's going to be happy whenever good is done, no matter who does it, who gets the credit for it, love rejoices with the truth.

6 Love Bears All, Believes All, Hopes All, Endures All

1 Corinthians 13:7

- It bears all. Love's going to last. It's going to put up with some stuff.
- That doesn't mean love's gullible, but it means that love, when properly applied and used, love is going to seek the best of its object and see the best of its object.
- It hopes all. It hopes for the best. And it endures through everything.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Do I fly off the handle? Am I, have I been rude to my family member? Have I inflicted harm on someone?**

MY NOTES