IN HIS PRESENCE

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VOL. 1 · BACK IT UP BY THE WORD

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1 CORINTHIANS 13 : 4-7 · NIV

BACK IT UP IN THE WORD

3 SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES FOR EVERY LINE OF THE DECLARATION

1 Corinthians 13 isn't just a wedding reading. It's a blueprint for how a real man treats people — at home, with mates, online, under pressure. These 3 supporting verses per line show you that this kind of love is **God's consistent standard all through Scripture, not a soft ideal.**

HOW TO USE THIS

Read the declaration line first, then dig into the supporting scriptures here. **Don't just read the reference — open your Bible and read around it.** Ask: "Where do I actually need to live this out this week?" One line per day is a solid plan.

01

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4 · LOVE IS PATIENT

I AM PATIENT.

EPHESIANS 4:2 Bear with people	*Be humble and gentle; be patient, putting up with one another in love.* — **Patience is love refusing to quit on people.**
PROVERBS 14:29 Patience = wisdom	*Whoever is patient has great understanding, but the quick-tempered shows foolishness. — Losing it fast is a sign of weakness, not strength.*
JAMES 1:19 Slow on the trigger	**Quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to get angry.** — *Three speeds. Two slow, one fast. Most guys have it backwards.*

02

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4 · LOVE IS KIND

I AM KIND.

EPHESIANS 4:32 Kind on purpose	**Be kind and compassionate, forgiving one another.** — *Kindness isn't a mood; it's a decision you make.*
GALATIANS 5:22 Proof of the Spirit	*Kindness is part of the fruit the Spirit grows in you. — If God's at work in you, kindness shows up.*
PROVERBS 11:17 It comes back	*A kind man does good for himself, but a cruel man brings trouble on himself. — How you treat people circles back to you.*

03

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4 · IT DOES NOT ENVY

I DON'T ENVY.

GALATIANS 5:26 Drop the comparison	*Let's not get conceited, provoking and envying each other. — Envy turns brothers into rivals.*
PROVERBS 14:30 Envy eats you	*A peaceful heart gives life, but* **envy rots you from the inside out.** — *What you resent in others is quietly wrecking you.*
JAMES 3:16 Chaos follows	*Where there's envy and selfish ambition, you find disorder and every evil practice. — Envy never travels alone.*

04

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4 · IT DOES NOT BOAST

I DON'T SHOW OFF.

PROVERBS 27:2 Let someone else say it	**Let another praise you, not your own mouth.** — *If it's real, you won't have to announce it.*
GALATIANS 6:3 Reality check	*If anyone thinks he's something when he's nothing, he only fools himself. — The hype you believe about yourself is the easiest lie to fall for.*
JEREMIAH 9:23-24 Brag about the right thing	*Don't boast in your strength or smarts — if you boast, boast that you know God. — Flex the only thing that actually lasts.*

05

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4 · IT IS NOT PROUD

I'M NOT ARROGANT.

PROVERBS 16:18 Pride's exit ramp	**Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.** — *Arrogance is just a countdown to a crash.*
JAMES 4:6 Who God resists	*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. — Pride literally puts you on the wrong side of God.*
PHILIPPIANS 2:3 Others up	*In humility value others above yourselves. — Confidence lifts people; arrogance steps on them.*

06

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5 · IT DOES NOT DISHONOUR OTHERS

I'M NOT DISRESPECTFUL.

ROMANS 12:10 Honour first	*Be devoted to one another in love;* **honour others above yourselves.** — *You give respect first; you don't wait to be impressed.*
1 PETER 2:17 Everyone	*Show proper respect to everyone. — Not just the people who can do something for you.*
EPHESIANS 4:29 Watch your mouth	*Don't let unwholesome talk out; say only what builds people up. — Disrespect usually leaves through the mouth.*

07

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5 · IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING

I DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO WIN.

PHILIPPIANS 2:4 Look around	**Don't only look out for your own interests, but also the interests of others.** — *Winning every time means everyone else loses.*
1 CORINTHIANS 10:24 Their good	*No one should seek only their own good, but the good of others. — Maturity measures the win by what helps everyone.*
ROMANS 15:1-2 Carry the weaker	*Those who are strong should bear with the failings of the weak and build them up. — Strength is for serving, not scoring.*

08

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5 · IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED

I DON'T HAVE A SHORT FUSE.

PROVERBS 15:1 Defuse it	**A gentle answer turns away anger, but a harsh word stirs it up.** — *You can lower the temperature or raise it. Your call.*
PROVERBS 16:32 Real strength	*Better to be patient than powerful, to control your temper than to capture a city. — Controlling yourself beats controlling everyone else.*
ECCLESIASTES 7:9 Don't rush to rage	*Don't be quickly provoked, because anger rests in the lap of fools. — A short fuse is a fool's signature.*

09

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5 · IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS

I DON'T HOLD GRUDGES.

COLOSSIANS 3:13 Forgive like you were forgiven	**Forgive as the Lord forgave you.** — *You're not the standard of mercy; He is.*
EPHESIANS 4:31-32 Dump the bitterness	*Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger; be kind and forgiving instead. — Bitterness is luggage you were never meant to carry.*
MATTHEW 6:14-15 It's connected	*If you forgive others, your Father forgives you. — The grudge you keep blocks the grace you need.*

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1 CORINTHIANS 13:6 · IT DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL

I DON'T CELEBRATE WHEN PEOPLE FALL.

PROVERBS 24:17 Don't gloat	**Don't rejoice when your enemy falls.** — *Cheering someone's downfall says more about you than them.*
PROVERBS 17:5 Mocking misfortune	*Whoever gloats over disaster will not go unpunished. — God notices who laughs at other people's pain.*
ROMANS 12:15 Feel with people	*Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. — Real love syncs up with people instead of competing.*

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1 CORINTHIANS 13:6 · IT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH

I STAND FOR TRUTH.

EPHESIANS 4:15 Truth + love	**Speak the truth in love.** — *Truth without love wounds; love without truth lies.*
ZECHARIAH 8:16 Straight talk	*Speak the truth to each other and make honest judgments. — Be the guy whose word can be trusted.*
3 JOHN 1:4 What brings joy	*There's no greater joy than to see people walking in the truth. — Stand for what's real, and celebrate when others do too.*

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1 CORINTHIANS 13:7 · IT ALWAYS PROTECTS

I HAVE PEOPLE'S BACK.

PROVERBS 17:17 All the time	**A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for the hard day.** — *Anyone's around for the good times; you show up for the hard ones.*
GALATIANS 6:2 Share the load	*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way fulfil the law of Christ. — Protecting people means helping with weight they can't lift alone.*
1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 Build, don't break	*Encourage one another and build each other up. — Have their back in private, not just in public.*

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1 CORINTHIANS 13:7 · IT ALWAYS TRUSTS

I BELIEVE THE BEST.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8 Aim your mind	**Fix your thoughts on what is true, noble and good.** — *Assume the best until you have a real reason not to.*
MATTHEW 7:1-2 Drop the gavel	*Don't judge, or you'll be judged by the same measure. — You weren't appointed as everyone's prosecutor.*
JAMES 4:11 Don't tear down	*Don't slander one another. — Believing the best means you stop running people down behind their back.*

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1 CORINTHIANS 13:7 · IT ALWAYS HOPES

I DON'T GIVE UP ON PEOPLE.

GALATIANS 6:9 Keep going	**Don't grow weary in doing good; you'll reap a harvest if you don't give up.** — *Don't quit on someone right before the turnaround.*
ROMANS 5:3-5 Hope that holds	*Suffering builds perseverance, character, and hope — and hope doesn't put us to shame. — This hope has been through stuff; it isn't naïve.*
LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23 New every morning	*His mercies are new every morning; great is his faithfulness. — If God restarts daily with people, you can too.*

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1 CORINTHIANS 13:7 · IT ALWAYS PERSEVERES

I ENDURE. I DON'T QUIT.

JAMES 1:12 Reward for staying	**Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial**, *because he'll receive the crown of life. — Finishing gets the reward starting never does.*
HEBREWS 12:1 Run your race	*Throw off what slows you down and run with perseverance the race set before you. — Drop the weight; keep the pace.*
1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 Stand firm	*Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord. — Immovable is a flex.*