

L130 | I Corinthians | Charity Envieth Not | I Cor. 13:4-7

I. Intro/Review:

- Charity Suffers Long and is Kind
 - Manner of Kindness
 - Freely
 - Not for reward
 - Cheerfully
 - Liberally

II. Preview:

- Charity Envieth Not

III. Sermon:

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
{1 Corinthians 13:4}

- **"charity envieth not" - Pro. 14:30**
 - **"envy"** - To feel uneasiness, mortification or discontent, at the sight of superior excellence, reputation or happiness enjoyed by another; to repine at another's prosperity; to fret or grieve one's self at the real or supposed superiority of another, and to hate him on that account.
 - Num. 11 - Moses, Eldad, Medad
 - Gen. 37:11 - Joseph
 - Est. 5:13 - Esther, Haman
 - **"estate"** - Rom. 12 - "low estate" - possessions, reputation, rank, fortune
 - **"long suffer"** - to meekly bear the injuries of others upon your estate
 - **"envy"** - the attitude and view you have on the estate of others
 - Spiritual gifts estate
 - Rom. 12:9 - "Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good."
 - We abhor the evil upon others estates
 - **"envy"** - spirit of dissatisfaction to another's prosperity in comparison to your own
 - Someone has more than we do or more happiness than we do
 - Comparative eminence is above and others below
 - Glad to see others diminished
 - Backbiting - reputation or prominence diminished in eyes of others
 - Rom. 1:29-32

- Rom. 13:13 - walk honestly - not in strife and envy - works of darkness
 - 1 Cor. 3:3 - sign of carnalness
 - 2 Cor. 12:20 - wraths, tumults, strife, envying
 - Gal. 5:21 - works of the flesh
 - 1 Tim. 6:4
 - Tit 3:3
 - James 3:14, 16
 - 1 Pet. 2:1-2
- It isn't that a Christian will never have this disposition of spirit, but when it is recognized it will be abhorred and unbecoming to Christ and contrary to the Spirit.
 1. Contentment - Php. 4
 - Contentment of estate
 - Quietness - 1 Tim. 2
 - Satisfaction of allotments, stations, and possessions
 - Whether rich or poor
 - Whether greatest to least
 2. Rejoice at others prosperity
 - Rom. 12:15
 - 1 Cor. 12 - one honored all honored (care for all)
 3. Christ
 - 2 Cor. 8:9
 - Php. 2
 - 1 Jn. 4:7, 16

IV. Conclusion: