

# True Godly Love: Bears, Believes, Hopes, and Endures All Things!

1 Corinthians 13:7 (NASB95) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

## I. Bears all things

1 Corinthians 13:7 (NASB95) bears all things...

There may be good done and harm avoided by hiding good men's infirmities and the human defects which are to be found even in all.

Colossians 3:13 (NASB 2020) bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so must you do also.

Ephesians 4:2 (NASB 2020) ...with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.

Proverbs 19:11 (NASB 2020) A person's discretion makes him slow to anger. And it is his glory to overlook an offense.

1 Corinthians 13:7 (NASB 2020) it keeps every confidence...

Proverbs 11:13 (NASB 2020) One who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, But one who is trustworthy conceals a matter.

Proverbs 20:19 (NASB 2020) One who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets; Therefore, do not associate with a gossip.

**Private matter kept Private:**

Matthew 18:15 (NASB 2020) "Now if your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

## II. Believes all things

1 Corinthians 13:7 (NASB95) believes all things...

The concept behind this verse is that love believes the best of someone, not the worst. In today's society, we praise the bad news of someone and conceal the good news. We have heard the saying, "Bad news travels 10 times faster than good news!"

\*\*\*John 8:10-11 (NASB 2020) And straightening up, Jesus said to her, "Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on do not sin any longer."]]

\*\*\*Luke 19:5 (NASB 2020) And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house."

But wait, Jesus knew the heart of man!

Luke 17:17-19 (NASB 2020) But Jesus responded and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well."

Romans 2:4 (NASB 2020) Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and restraint and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

A note on knowing the heart: I have seen where someone knows a person very well and will hold onto the one bad thing they might have done against them. Even if the majority of how they live is good!

## III. Hopes all things

1 Corinthians 13:7 (NASB95) hopes all things...

Again, the thought behind this verse is love, even in the face of disappointment, hopes for the goodness of others. This doesn't mean we trust those who constantly hurt us; rather, we hope they let God in their lives.

John 2:24-25 (NASB 2020) But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, because He knew all people, and because He did not need anyone to testify about mankind, for He Himself knew what was in mankind.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 (NASB 2020) This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**Paul is hoping and believing in the goodness of others**

**Romans 15:13 (NASB 2020)** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 4:18 (NLT)** Even when there was no reason for hope, Abraham kept hoping—believing that he would become the father of many nations. For God had said to him, “That’s how many descendants you will have!”

#### **IV. Endures all things**

**1 Corinthians 13:7 (NASB95)** endures all things...

**What “Endures All Things” Does Not Mean? Biblical love does not: Endorse sin, Enable abuse, Ignore injustice, Remain silent when a correction is required.**

**Love remains faithful when the relationship is costly. It is: Long-term, Covenant-minded, Resilient, Rooted in hope, not circumstance.**

**Let's look to Jesus as our example!**

**Hebrews 12:2-3 (NASB 2020)** looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

**\*\*\*1 Corinthians 6:7 (NASB 2020)** Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather suffer the wrong? Why not rather be defrauded?

**1 Peter 2:22-23 (NASB 2020)** HE WHO COMMITTED NO sin, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT found IN HIS MOUTH; and while being abusively insulted, He did not insult in return; while suffering, He did not threaten, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;

**\*\*\*Romans 12:17-21 (NASB 2020)** Never repay evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all people. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all people.

**Proverbs 10:12 (NASB 2020)** Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all offenses.

**\*\*\*Matthew 5:44-48 (NASB 2020)** But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may prove yourselves to be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

**\*\*\*Romans 5:5 (NASB 2020)** ...and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.