

# True Godly Love is Not: Proud, Rude, Not Demanding Its Own Way

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## I. Proud or Arrogant

**1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (ESV)** *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant (proud).*

**Proud:** g5448. φυσιώω physioō; from 5449 in the primary sense of blowing; to inflate, i.e. (figuratively) make proud (haughty): — puff up.

**Galatians 6:2-3 (NASB 2020)** *Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks that he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.*

**The law of Christ here refers to the law of Love!**

- a. **This command requires humility because burden-bearing means:** getting involved in someone else's struggle, setting aside personal convenience, putting others first, and recognizing that we all need help sometimes.

**A prideful person will never recognize the needs of others.** Pride says, "Their problem isn't my problem."  
Or, "I don't have time for this."

- b. **Pride causes self-deception. The proud person "thinks he is something"—that is:** more important than others, more spiritual, more mature, stronger, above needing help, or above helping others.

**Self-importance is a form of spiritual blindness.**

**Romans 12:16 (NASB 2020)** *Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.*

**Proverbs 16:18 (NASB 2020)** *Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling.*

- c. **Pride will not acknowledge spiritual authority: Example of and the destruction of a Haughty Spirit!**

**3 John 1:9 (NASB 2020)** *I wrote something to the church; but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not accept what we say.*

**People with pride will not acknowledge spiritual authority.**

**2 Chronicles 26:16 (NASB 2020)—(Uzziah)—***But when he became strong, his heart was so proud that he acted corruptly, and he was untrue to the LORD his God, for he entered the temple of the LORD to burn incense on the altar of incense.*

**Isaiah 14:13 (NASB 2020)** *But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God.*

## II. Rude

**1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (ESV)** *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude.*

**Rude:** g0807. ἀσχημονέω aschēmoneō; from 809; to be (i.e. act) unbecoming: — behave self uncomely (unseemly).

This means that being rude is to act in a way that violates social or moral propriety, treating others with disregard or inconsiderateness. **Rudeness is behavior that dishonors others or puts oneself ahead of them.**

Psychological reasons for rudeness include insecurity, stress, a lack of empathy, and learned behavior from their environment. Individuals may also use rudeness as a means to regain a sense of control, assert superiority, or lash out when experiencing emotional distress, anger, or feelings of inadequacy. Sometimes, rudeness stems from a lack of awareness of social skills or an inability to recognize how their behavior affects others.

**Romans 12:9-10 (NASB 2020)** *Love must be free of hypocrisy. Detest what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.*

**\*\*Titus 3:1-2 (NKJV)** *Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.*

**Ephesians 4:31-32 (NKJV)** Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

### III. Does not demand its own way

**In Corinth, many believers were:** demanding recognition, insisting their spiritual gifts be honored, putting their preferences first, pushing their own agendas in worship, and dividing the church by insisting they were right.

**Examples of “Demanding Its Own Way” (Corinthian context):** Speaking in tongues loudly during service regardless of others, Refusing to wait for others at the Lord’s Supper (1 Cor. 11:21), Pushing personal opinions, Creating factions (1 Cor. 1:12), Using spiritual gifts for self-glory, not for edification (1 Cor. 12–14)

**1 Corinthians 14:12 (NKJV)** Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

**1 Corinthians 14:26 (NKJV)** How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

Some say, “I just have to give the word” pulling the “God card”

**1 Corinthians 14:32 (NKJV)** And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

Paul is saying that a person who is speaking prophetically is always in control of themselves. The Holy Spirit does not overpower their will, emotions, or self-control.

**James 3:16 (NKJV)** For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

#### Personal Relationships—

**Ephesians 5:22 (NKJV)** Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

**Ephesians 5:25 (NKJV)** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

**Ephesians 6:1-3 (NKJV)** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

#### Friendships:

**John 15:13 (NKJV)** Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.

**Romans 15:1-2 (NKJV)** We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.