



TEACHINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

“Love is...”



**1 CORINTHIANS
13:4-7**

Love is patient and kind. Love is not envious, it does not brag, and it is not proud. Love is not rude, is not selfish, and does not become angry easily. Love does not remember wrongs done against it. Love takes no pleasure in evil, but rejoices over the truth. Love patiently accepts all things. It always trusts, always hopes, and always continues strong.



What does this Scripture mean?

1. **A lot of people have their own definition of “love”. Some say that true “love” is just a warm feeling. Some say that if you “love” someone you let them do or say anything they want. However, that’s not how God defines love.**
2. **God defines love in two ways; what love should lead us to do, and what Love should keep us from doing.**
3. **If we have God’s love, that love should lead us to several things; patience, kindness, a hatred of evil and joy over truth, trust in God and His Word and hope in Christ.**
4. **If we have God’s love, that love should keep us from doing several things; envying others, bragging, being prideful, rude, selfish, easily angered, and remembering wrongs.**

Remember: Do not let the world define “love”, but look to God’s Word to learn what love really means!



How To Follow Jesus Well

**Don't keep score of how
often someone has
wronged you!**

**Be patient and kind to
others even if you don't
feel like they deserve it!**

**Don't brag or be full of
pride – you cannot do
those things and be full
of Love as well!**



CROSS CONNECTION

The ultimate example of Love is none other than Jesus Christ. Despite being God Himself, Jesus did not brag or boast, nor was He selfish and easily angered. Instead, He was kind and patient, hated evil, and trusted God so much that He laid down His life on the cross for us! If you don't know what Love looks like, look to Jesus!

Reflection Questions

- 1. What are the two ways God defines Love?
What Love should lead us to do, what Love should keep us from doing.**
- 2. What are some things that Love should lead us to do?
Death – being separated from God forever.**
- 3. What are some things Love should keep us from doing?
We will never be judged guilty.**

Challenge Question: How will you show Love to others this week?