

**Pastor B.'s Message Notes**  
**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;  
(1Co 13:4-5)

1) Love suffers long

2) Love does not envy

Envy is a fruit of the flesh- Gal. 5:21

*He who is* slow to wrath has great understanding, But *he who is* impulsive exalts folly. A sound heart *is* life to the body, But **envy is rottenness to the bones.**  
(Pro 14:29-30)

And Envy is a fruit of arrogance-

he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come **envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,**  
(1Ti 6:4)

Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."  
(Jas 4:5-6)

3) Love does not boast of itself, is not a braggart

*It is* not good to eat much honey; So to seek one's own glory *is not* glory. Whoever *has* no rule over his own spirit *is like* a city broken down, without walls.  
(Pro 25:27-28)

It feasts on the opinions and judgments of self upon others like feasting on much sugar-rush of energy, and then a crash

Love of self speaks highly of self and critical of others. Brags on oneself and criticizes others.

4) Love is not puffed up, not arrogant, doesn't have a swelled head, doesn't think of oneself more highly than others

Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God. Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that **none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.** For who makes you differ *from another*? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive *it*, why do you boast as if you had not received *it*?  
(1Co 4:5-7)

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God **[for you!, not the next guy]**. For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, **not to think of himself** more highly than he ought to think, but to **think soberly**, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

(Rom 12:1-3)

5) Love does not behave itself unseemly, or improperly. Love does not demean others, but treats them with respect.

or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. **Honor all people**. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

(1Pe 2:14-17)

6) Love does not seek its own will, way, and well-being first, but rather that of others.

Therefore if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. *Let* nothing *be done* through **selfish ambition or conceit**, but in **lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself**. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

(Php 2:1-4)

7) Love is not easily irritated or frustrated, not easily stirred to anger

that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore, putting away lying, "LET EACH ONE OF YOU SPEAK TRUTH WITH HIS NEIGHBOR," for we are members of one another. "BE ANGRY, AND DO NOT SIN": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil. Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 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.

(Eph 4:22-32)

8) Love doesn't **think** or dwell on evil, take it into account, weigh it, meditate on it, charge it to your account (impute).

Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.

(Pro 10:12)

The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, And his glory *is* to overlook a transgression.

(Pro 19:11)

Let your **gentleness** be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—**meditate** on these things.

(Php 4:5-8)

to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all **humility** to all men.

(Tit 3:2)

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "LOVE WILL COVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS." *Be* hospitable to one another without grumbling.

(1Pe 4:7-9)