

1st Corinthians 13:4-8

Love is slow to lose patience. It enables you to accept a difficult situation and wait upon the Lord to accomplish His will in His own good time.

Love looks for kind ways to neutralize another's harshness.

Love is not jealous or possessive. Because your security of being loved is based upon your relationship with Christ, His love in you enables you to grant freedom to another to love you only if they want to.

Love is not arrogant. It does not allow you to be filled with inflated ideas of your own importance. Rather, it helps you to express a servant's heart.

Love is not motivated by the applause of peers. It enables you to have the energy and inner purpose to say and do what is right, regardless of another's approval or disapproval.

Love is not rude, but shows good manners and respect.

Love is not demanding of its own rights. It helps you to yield to advantage to the person loved.

Love is not hypersensitive or easily hurt.

Love does not review wrongs already forgiven.

Love does not delight in another's failures.

Love is loyal to the truth and what is right. It helps you to put Christ first when choosing the manner in which you will express love.

Love has the ability to live with the inconsistencies of others. It enables you to accept the fact that all humans make mistakes. YOU will make mistakes - and so will the ones you love.

Love lets you believe the best about a person, rather than accepting malicious gossip.

Love is hopeful. It injects you with unquenchable optimism in every direction.

Love has the power to endure difficulties. It enables you to rest upon your faith that God is in control of your circumstances.

Love's endurance remains, even in sickness, poverty, misunderstandings and failures.