

Modeling The Love Of God (Part 1)

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Today, we Address an AREA of our lives that Needs More Attention to DETAIL...
OUR LOVE LIFE.

It's very Important to Pay Attention to What LOVE IS...TO GOD.

For the Next Few Weeks, we'll be taking a Hard Look at God's Design for LOVE...

1. QUALITY #1: LOVE SUFFERS LONG.

- "Long-suffering" Describes having Patience with People NOT necessarily Patience with Circumstances. (2 Peter 3:9)
- For instance, We must learn to Be Patient in CHURCH. (Ephesians 4:1-3)
- We must ALSO learn to Be Patient in MARRIAGE. (Colossians 3:12-14)
- We must ALSO learn to Be Patient at WORK. (2 Timothy 3:10-12)
- There's No greater Opportunity to Grow your Patience than when Dealing with Children

2. QUALITY #2: LOVE IS KIND

- Kindness is the PRACTICE of DOING loving, considerate & constructive Deeds for Another Person.
- Kindness should be displayed in CHURCH. (Ephesians 4:31-32)
- Kindness should ALSO be displayed in MARRIAGE. (Romans 12:9-11)
- Kindness should be displayed in DAILY ACTIVITIES. (2 Peter 1:4-7)

3. QUALITY #3: LOVE IS DOES NOT ENVY (James 3:13-16)

- TWO Kinds of Envy or Jealousy.
- One Covets the Possessions of other people...
- The Other is WORSE...it Begrudges the fact that Others Have what THEY Don't Have.
- The First Churches faced Enemies who were FILLED with ENVY...(Acts 13:44-46)
- FOUR WORDS for "LOVE" in the Original Bible language.
- 1. EROS refers to Sexual love...(erotic)
- 2. PHILEO refers to Brotherly love...(philanthropy)
- 3. STORGE refers to Family love...(kin folks & Church folks)
- 4. AGAPE refers to GOD'S love.

- God's love is a Self-Giving, Sacrificial Love & CHOOSES YOUR Best Interest.

- These Qualities of LOVE are NOT EASY to Live Out, they ARE Qualities of God's Love we're **Called to Emulate**.