

Modeling The Love Of God (Part 3)

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

We've been studying 15 Characteristics that GOD SAYS are Qualities of TRUE LOVE...
GOD'S KIND OF LOVE.

TRUE Love Requires Significant EFFORT, Hard WORK & a Reliance on God's GRACE.

Some say TRUE love is Blind... & it IS but Love can Still be Challenging.

8. QUALITY #8: "LOVE IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED."

- "Love that's Not easily Provoked" is Not easily Angered by our Spouses, Children, Family, Church Friends, Co-workers or Classmates.
- God wants us to Control Our ANGER it's Because He has OUR Best Interest at heart.
- A SHORT FUSE may indicate OTHER Issues needing Attention. Ephesians 4:30
- The Bible Encourages us to be IN CONTROL of our ANGER. (Eph. 4:26)

9. QUALITY #9: "LOVE THINKS NO EVIL."

- The Bible is teaching us to AVOID "Keeping Score" of Wrongs.
- Storing up Negative Memories only builds Resentment in our hearts. (Hebrews 12:15)
- Whenever we Store Bad Memories of others, we're Disobeying the command to Forgive. (SIN) (Matthew 6:14; Ephesians 4:32)
- IF GOD Doesn't Store Up Memories of OUR SINS, neither should WE Store Up the Sins of OTHERS. (Hebrews 10:12,16-17)

10 & 11. QUALITY 10 & 11: LOVE DOES NOT REJOICE IN INIQUITY, BUT REJOICES IN THE TRUTH.

- "Love is Never Glad when others DO Wrong."
- "Love Doesn't Delight in EXPOSING other people's Failures."
- "Real Love "Rejoices whenever the Truth Wins."
- TRUE Love sees People's POTENTIAL...(John 8:1-11)
- Love is NOT a Passive Quality... True Love is to "Be Exercised."
- "Sharing the LOVE of Jesus across the Way and around the World"
- God wants us to be "Actively" Loving other people.
- LORD'S SUPPER

