“Love Is….” Series

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1 Corinthians 13:4-8 ESV

**The Way of Love**

**13** **4**Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant **5**or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians%2013&version=ESV#fen-ESV-28654b)] **6**it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. **7**Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**8**Love never ends.

**Intro**

PP-Here are just a couple of things that irritate me:

1. Standing in a long line, somebody runs up from behind-cuts in front of the line, then looks back at everyone and smiles.
2. People who just don’t admit when they’re wrong

PP-Church of Corinth Photo

**THERE IS A PROBLEM IN THE CHURCH AT CORINTH**

Summary on 1 Cor. 12 leading into 1 Cor. 13:1

**1 Corinthians Outline**

Disorders in the Church (1:10-6:20)

1. Divisions among Believers (1:10-4:21)
2. Immorality among Believers (Chap. 5)
3. Lawsuits among Believers (6:1-11)
4. Moral Laxness among Believers (6:12-20)

There is a problem in the Church at Corinth. The book of 1 Corinthians is often referred to by scholars as the ‘problem book’ because the apostle Paul is addressing problems going on within the body of Christ at the City of Corinth. No different from the same problems that we face in our churches today; the only difference is that men of God addressed these issues with love and boldness, while most church leaders today merely pacify or ignore most of the issues which cause disorder in the Church today. Paul addresses all of these issues by giving a solution, but woven within each solution was a reminder of the Gospel message.

I don’t want to be a clanging symbol or a noisy gong

PP-Giftedness+Lovelessness=Nothingness (1 Cor. 13:1-3)

We’re now at the halfway point of this series and I want to do a brief recap….. Love is patient, Love is Kind….Love does not envy or boast, it is NOT arrogant or Rude and it DOES NOT insist on its own way.

HOW CAN I POSSIBLY LIVE OUT THESE LOVE STATEMENTS WHEN IM LIVING IN FLESH??

Pastor Tim gave a wonderful definition of sin last week; and I love how he summarized it by simply saying that the deeper sin that we have cares more about ourselves than we do God.

Irritability or Resentment speaks to *‘Unbecoming’* behavior.

Growing in AGAPE love helps us NOT to become easily angered or provoked

**Irritable**

adjective: irritable

1. having or showing a tendency to be easily [annoyed](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=c4335f32e922ee13&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1VDKB_enUS1053US1053&q=annoyed&si=ACC90nwUEXg6u2vxy-araGkF9MAxgYfXIZEaH37fHM1hdwH0QG5KE0ZEzHjzJp5_z_0Y6IoS3xPu7OTihsiZe5hlda5IyfRREBsepGF6UAb3vjV3TVfS0Tw%3D&expnd=1&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwja69DihciIAxX7GlkFHVZ3EkkQyecJegQIPRAO) or made angry.

"she was tired and irritable"

* 1. Oversensitive
	2. People walk on ‘egg-shells’ around you.
	3. “Short Fuse”

**Aschemoneo** (Greek) speaks of an act in defiance of social and moral standards, with resulting disgrace, embarrassment, and shame. It describes one who acts improperly or with rudeness. It means to behave unmannerly, disgracefully or dishonorably.

Scripture DOES NOT say that we will never get angry; but it does tell us how we should respond to it.

**Ephesians 4:26-27**

**26**Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, **27**and give no opportunity to the devil.

**James 1:19**

**19**Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

**Psalm 86:15**

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
    slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Love is an action word which requires action; however in this passage Love is described as a noun (person, place, or thing)

Jesus got angry a few times:

Mark 3:1-6

Mark 10:14-16

The Cleansing of the temple

**Resentful**

*adjective*

1. feeling or expressing [bitterness](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=c4335f32e922ee13&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1VDKB_enUS1053US1053&q=bitterness&si=ACC90nz-2feRzoY4yuySkO-aQE81T4kvGt9CRALLDbzzT9nuS1WYiT8nBzjlwaMol2OKAUIIgorKQrqFjnHIL4ZnvFUpU0Tmt8m1taHP8qG6z4wDGTGTuJ0%3D&expnd=1&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjsr9__hciIAxUQD1kFHbPIF9EQyecJegQIPRAO) or [indignation](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=c4335f32e922ee13&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1VDKB_enUS1053US1053&q=indignation&si=ACC90nwZrNcJVJVL0KSmGGq5Ka2YxbQJ-oQVQ3AJ8n5K3DS0XDds6yM9QNQtdSluri8F8C8tiWX8v3oGHhOokcSzPl8RnX7jrhIjeB3gwZR3e7EoNaAfVbI%3D&expnd=1&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjsr9__hciIAxUQD1kFHbPIF9EQyecJegQIPRAP) at having been treated [unfairly](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=c4335f32e922ee13&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1VDKB_enUS1053US1053&q=unfairly&si=ACC90nx67Z8g0WkBmnrPB4IqtqGvMGLoV1ra-sjF512SACpO2qiK1sFJwtc4VYdPlzu7mRTgxUeqxyTy6cgMELV0Fndo96-bw11B8_0WMWspPWc_tTvr98M%3D&expnd=1&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjsr9__hciIAxUQD1kFHbPIF9EQyecJegQIPRAQ).

"he was angry and resentful of their intrusion"

**“Love keeps no records of wrong”**

Deception of Satan

1. We think we have Power when we hold on to the things that people did to us….that in holding on to it, it will never happen again!!”
2. The fact is, holding on to things makes us weaker in the fact that we lose the ability of controlling our reactions to things because we haven’t delt with the things that have hurt us.

**Ephesians 4:31-32 ESV**

31Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. 32Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

**Colossians 3:12-13 ESV**

12Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

Some of us wont even add forgiveness within the template of our prayer life in which Jesus taught that prayer is first recognizing who He is and then recognizing who we are; He has forgiven our debts so we should forgive debtors.

**Matthew 6:12**

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    as we also have forgiven our debtors.

**The response of a Christian**

Josephs response..PP-Joseph Pic

Paul’s response…..PP-Paul & Silas Pic

Jesus’ response……PP-Jesus on the cross pic

Tonys response (recap of my 2 irritations)

As a man of God I want to…

Teach like Paul

Fight like David

Build like Noah

Obey like Daniel

Lead like Moses

But above all….LOVE LIKE JESUS!

God is watching us; and people are watching us. Some might say that this sermon series is somewhat rudimentary (we as Christians should love like Jesus=basic principles) however that is NOT the case in the church. The fact that I’m able, as a pastor to see comments of professing Christians burdens my heart sometimes; even more so in knowing that unbelievers are reading these same comments-carries more of a burden.

**Get back to your first Love**

Paul is addressing the Church in Corinth on how they’re gifted in all these things, but they have not learned how to love-and it means nothing.

The Lord is addressing the church in Ephesus in Revelation 2 with the same complaint…

PP-Revelation 2:1-4

**To the Church in Ephesus**

**2**“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

**2**“‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. **3**I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. **4**But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. **5**Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.”