



Love is ...

1 Corinthians 13

*Part 3*



“Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing 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. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

  
 Colossians 3:12-14

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Characteristic #1

Love is PATIENT

1 Corinthians 13:4

*long-wrathed; long-tempered*



Characteristic #2

Love is KIND

1 Corinthians 13:4



Characteristic #3

Love is Not JEALOUS

1 Corinthians 13:4

*"charity envies not"*

# jealousy / envy

*"zeloo"*

zeal; "to boil"; a passion or  
burning desire



**jealousy:** the fear of losing something we possess

**envy:** the desire to take from another person what they possess





Jealousy  $\neq$  Contentment

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- It hurts and poisons relationships and damages hearts.



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- "I want what someone else has."
- "I wish they didn't have what they have."



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“Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?”

  
 Proverbs 27:4

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- 2. Jealousy has two forms.**
- 3. Jealousy is not a harmless sin.**
- 4. Trust is a critical component of genuine love – every hint of jealousy has to be completely rejected.**



"I feel a divine jealousy for you."

  
2 Corinthians 11:2  


"Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice."

  
James 3:16  




# GOOD v. BAD Jealousy

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**Good Jealousy:** a joyful desire to receive the affections from another person that really belong to you, or an appropriate indignation if the affections that belong to you are not being given to you

**Bad Jealousy:** jealousy that is rooted in fear & insecurity and lack of trust in God's promises





*Hurt in love's clothing*

God is Love

*1 John 4:8*

God. Is. Love.

# Take Home Truths

- 1) God is love. And He loves you. Accept His forgiveness and submit to His leadership today.
- 2) You don't have to continue to be imprisoned by your experiences of "hurt in love's clothing."
- 3) Jesus can change your whole life's foundation.
- 4) God's Word. God's Spirit. God's church. Submit yourself to God. Dive into His Word. Find some spiritual mentors.

