



Love is ...

1 Corinthians 13

Part 5



"This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you."


John 15:12


"These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."


John 15:11


- Love is a feeling that you feel when you get a feeling that you've never felt before.
- Love is a perpetual state of anesthesia.
- Love is a grave mental disease.

- To love somebody is not just a strong feeling - it is a decision, it is a judgment, it is a promise.
- Love is an unconditional commitment to an imperfect person.

Before You Say "I Do"

by H Norman Wright & Wes Roberts

15 Characteristics of genuine love ...

1. **Love is PATIENT** *"charity suffereth long"*
2. **Love is KIND** *"and is kind"*
3. **Love is NOT JEALOUS** *"charity envies not"*
4. **Love does NOT BRAG** *"charity vaunts not itself"*
5. **Love is NOT ARROGANT** *"is not puffed up"*





Characteristic #6

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1 Corinthians 13:5

"does not behave itself unseemly"

careless; not considerate of others



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Love does not behave gracelessly.

“Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”


 Colossians 4:6



Characteristic #7

Love is Not Selfish

1 Corinthians 13:5

"seeks not her own"

Here lies a miser who lived for himself,
and cared for nothing but gathering wealth.
Now where he is or how he fares,
nobody knows and nobody cares.

on tombstone, English village

“Sacred to the memory of General Charles George Gordon, who at all times and everywhere gave his strength to the weak, his substance to the poor, his sympathy to the suffering, his heart to God.”

courtyard at St. Paul's Cathedral in London



What does selflessness mean in a relationship?

1. It means learning to not be defensive.
2. It means learning to see things from others point of view.
3. It means thinking of others and not yourself.



“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”


 John 13:35

“Repent, then, and turn to God,
so that your sins may be wiped
out, that times of refreshing may
come from the Lord.”

 Peter in Acts 3:19