

Love Characteristic Chart 2 (I Corinthians 13)

Love suffers long	Love is patient, forbearing, and even-tempered, especially toward persons who provoke or injure us. It does not allow resentment to arise even toward repeated wrongs. It goes the second mile, turns the other cheek, endures insult, and bears with those who disgrace, mock or jibe. It cannot be short-tempered with those for whom Christ died.
Love is kind	It does not stop with a mere patience that puts up with those who heap abuse. It is actively kind, returns good for evil, seeks out things it can do for others, graciously puts itself at the service of others.
Love envies not	Is never-jealous, never expresses ill-will, malice, or peevishness. Its heart is too big to engage in littleness or jealous rivalry. It sees the good in others and desires to promote the good of the body.
Love vaunts not itself	It is humble, truly humble. It never shows off, never parades its own virtues, and never calls undue attention to itself. After love does its work of kindness it steals back into the shade so that Christ may receive all the glory.
Love is not puffed up	Some people may appear very humble, but inwardly feel how important they are. Love is never inflated with pride, never self-important, nor is it ever anxious for honor. It does not "lord it over" those less fortunate, nor does it treat others as inferiors. It is never self-satisfied, arrogant, conceited, or overbearing. It never demands its rights nor feel recognition for faithful service is its due.
Love does not behave itself unseemly	It is never rude, unbecoming, or indecent. Jesus was a perfect gentleman. His love is always considerate, polite, and gentle, never coarse or vulgar. It never knowingly or needlessly embarrasses, injures or humiliates another but is always courteous.
Love does not seek her own	It is never selfish, grasping, or greedy. God so loved the world that He gave. The same divine love in us will make us more concerned about giving than getting.
Love is not provoked	The word "easily" is not in the Greek. Love is not provoked, irritated, or angered by affliction or by any circumstances, however bad they may be. Any irritability that arises comes from a different source, not love. Love keeps the victory even when everything seems to go wrong.
Love thinks no evil	It is not resentful of evil done to it. It is forgiving and never holds a grudge. Actually, there is no limit to its forgiveness. Love takes the one who has wronged it into its heart, forgetting the past.
Love rejoices not in iniquity	It is not happy at injustice and unrighteousness, nor does it gloat over and make fun of the weaknesses of others. Negativity and gossip is not a part of its speech pattern.
Love rejoices in the truth	It delights when right and truth prevail, and focuses on those things which are of good report in others. It speaks well of others and has a positive confession.
Love bears all things	It bears up under anything and everything that comes. It works through <u>every</u> difficulty and looks for the solutions
Love believes all things	It is ever ready to believe the best of others. It has faith in others as well as in the Lord. It keeps pressing on in faith knowing that, "faith ...works by love" Galatians 5:6
Love hopes all things	When it cannot see how things are going to turn out, when circumstances are against it, it keeps a confident hope that is fixed on Jesus and loves His appearing.
Love endures all things	It bears up under all things, and stands its ground like a courageous soldier. It bears up instead of giving up. It sees where help is needed and gets under the load without being asked or begged. It provides sincere and real encouragement
Love never fails	It never fades out, becomes obsolete or comes to an end. It always wins. Whenever faced with a difficult situation or individual ask the question "What would love do?" The answer will pull you through to victory!