

Theme: The Character of God's Love

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." **1 Corinthians 13:6–8 (NKJV)**

Lesson Objective

To understand the biblical characteristics of love and learn how to demonstrate God's love in everyday life.

Discussion Questions

1. Which characteristic of love comes most naturally to you?
 2. Which one challenges you the most?
 3. How did Jesus model these qualities throughout His ministry?
 4. How can you intentionally practice biblical love at home, work, church, and in your community this week?
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Vs 6b. Love Rejoices in Truth

Meaning:

Love celebrates righteousness and God's truth.

Reference Scriptures

- John 8:31–32 – The truth sets you free.
- Psalm 119:160 – God's Word is truth.

- 3 John 1:4 – Walking in truth brings joy.

Key Questions

- Do I enjoy hearing gossip?
 - Do I choose truth even when it is uncomfortable?
 - How can I encourage honesty in my relationships?
 - Is the truth harsh?
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Vs 7. Love Bears All Things

Meaning:

Love protects, supports, and covers others with grace.

Reference Scriptures

- 1 Peter 4:8 – Love covers a multitude of sins.
- Galatians 6:1 – restore such an one in the spirit of meekness
- Galatians 6:2 – Bear one another's burdens.

Daily Example:

Praying for and supporting a friend going through a difficult season.

Key Questions

- Who needs my support today?
 - Am I protecting others with my words?
 - How can I carry someone else's burden this week?
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Vs 7b. Love Believes All Things

Meaning:

Love chooses trust and gives others the benefit of the doubt while remaining grounded in wisdom.

Reference Scriptures

- John 8:8 – He that is without sin among you
- Hebrews 11:1 – Faith is the substance of things hoped for.
- Proverbs 3:5–6 – Trust in the Lord.

Daily Example:

Giving someone an opportunity to rebuild trust after sincere repentance while maintaining appropriate boundaries.

Key Questions

- Do I trust God's work in people's lives?
 - Am I quick to assume the worst?
 - How can I balance trust with wisdom?
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Vs 7c Love Hopes All Things

Meaning:

Love remains hopeful because God's promises are faithful.

Reference Scriptures

- Romans 15:13 – The God of hope.
- Jeremiah 29:11 – A future and a hope.

Daily Example:

Continuing to pray for a family member who has not yet accepted Christ.

Key Questions

- Where do I need hope today?
 - Am I encouraging others to keep trusting God?
 - What does that look like?
 - What promises of God strengthen my hope?
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Vs 7d. Love Endures All Things

Meaning:

Love remains faithful through hardships and trials.

Reference Scriptures

- James 1:12 – Blessed is the one who perseveres.

- Hebrews 12:1–2 – Run with endurance.
- Romans 5:3–5 – Perseverance produces character.

Daily Example:

Faithfully caring for a sick loved one over a long period.

Key Questions

- What challenges am I facing right now?
 - How does God strengthen me to endure?
 - What keeps me faithful during difficult seasons?
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Vs 8a. Love Never Fails

Meaning:

God's love is eternal, unfailing, and never loses its value.

Reference Scriptures

- Lamentations 3:22–23 – His mercies are new every morning.
- Romans 8:38–39 – Nothing can separate us from God's love.
- 1 John 4:7–8 – God is love.

Daily Example:

Continuing to show grace and pray for someone who has hurt you, trusting God's love to shape your heart.

Key Questions

- How have I experienced God's unfailing love?
 - In what ways can I reflect God's enduring love to others?
 - What does it mean that love "never fails" even when relationships are difficult?
 - How can I make love the foundation of my daily decisions?
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Key Takeaways

- Love is a choice demonstrated through actions, not merely emotions.
- Biblical love reflects the character of God.
- Every quality of love described in 1 Corinthians 13 is perfectly modeled by Jesus Christ.

- As believers grow in the Holy Spirit, these qualities should become increasingly evident in their lives.
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Weekly Challenge

- **Monday:** Be patient with someone who tests your patience.
- **Tuesday:** Perform one unexpected act of kindness.
- **Wednesday:** Celebrate someone else's success.
- **Thursday:** Practice humility by putting someone else's needs first.
- **Friday:** Forgive an offense and refuse to revisit it.
- **Saturday:** Encourage someone who is struggling.
- **Sunday:** Reflect on how God's love has been evident in your life and ask Him to help you love others more like Christ.

Life Application: Every interaction—with family, coworkers, neighbors, or strangers—is an opportunity to display the kind of love described in 1 Corinthians 13. As we abide in Christ, the Holy Spirit enables us to grow in these qualities so that our lives increasingly reflect God's love.

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NKJV)

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for showing us perfect love through Jesus Christ. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we may be patient, kind, humble, forgiving, truthful, and faithful. Help us to reflect Your love in every relationship and circumstance. May our lives bring glory to You as we love others the way You have loved us. In Jesus' name, Amen.