
“THE VIRTUES OF LOVE” (4)

I CORINTHIANS 13:6-7A



“LUV IS A VERB” (DCTALK)

Hey, tell me haven't ya heard?

Luv, is a serious word

Hey, I think it's time ya learned

I don't care what they say

I don't care what ya heard

The word luv, luv is a verb

RESPONSIVE READING

Black – Pastor Randy

Blue – Men

Red – Ladies

Green - Everyone

I CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels.

But have not love,

I am only a resounding gong or a clanging symbol.

If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains,

But have not love,

I am nothing.

If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames,

But have not love,

I gain nothing.

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

Love is **patient**, love is **kind**. It does not **envy**, it does not **boast**, it is not **proud**. It is not **rude**, it is not **self-seeking**, it is not easily **angered**, it keeps no record of **wrongs**. Love does not **delight in evil** but rejoices **with the truth**. It always **protects**, always **trusts**, always **hopes**, always **perseveres**.

I CORINTHIANS 13:8-10

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, **they will cease.** Where there are tongues, **they will be stilled.** Where there is knowledge, **it will pass away.** For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, **the imperfect disappears.**

I CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror, then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

THE VIRTUES OF LOVE

Patient: Long-Tempered

Kind: Benevolent Service

Not Envious: Non-Competitive Spirit

Not Boastful: Parading Accomplishments

Not Arrogant: Haughty Spirit

Not Rude: Graceless Impropriety

Not Insistent: My Rights A Priority

Not Irritable: On Alert To Be Riled

Not Resentful: Ledger Of Wounds

X. LOVE DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONGDOING

“Chairo: - Cheerful Or Happy

Luke 1:14 & Philippians 4:4

“Adikia”: Immoral Or Unjust

Romans 1:18 & II Timothy 2:19

GENERAL EXAMPLES

“Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them” (Romans 1:32).

“Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20).

SPECIFIC EXAMPLES

- 1. Sexual Immorality (1 Corinthians 5:1-2)**
- 2. Golden Calf (Exodus 32:19-20)**
- 3. Samuel To Saul (1 Samuel 15:22-23)**
- 4. Woman Caught In Adultery (John 8:11)**

XI. LOVE REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH

“Sungchairo” – Sympathize With, To Congratulate

Luke 15:6

“Alethia” – Verity Or Truth

John 8:32 & II Timothy 2:15

BEAUTIFUL HARMONY

Right Doctrine (Orthodoxy)

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Right Demeanor (Orthopraxy)

THREE EXAMPLES

- 1. Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:30-31)**
- 2. Elect Lady (II John 6)**
- 3. Gaius (III John 3-4)**

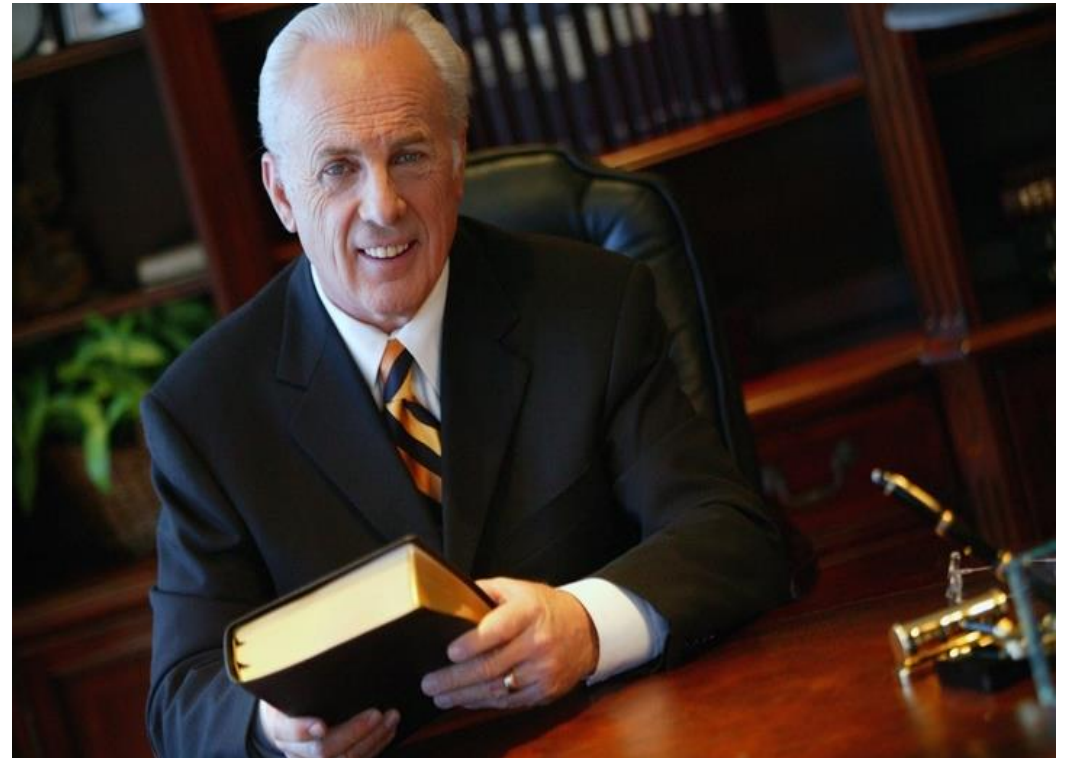
XII. LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS

“Stego” – Roof, Covering, Or Concealment

“Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins” (I Peter 4:8).

JOHN MACARTHUR

“Love does not justify sin or compromise with falsehood. Love warns, corrects, exhorts, rebukes, and disciplines. But love does not expose or broadcast failures and wrongs. Love feels the pain of those it loves and helps carry the burden of the hurt.”



THREE EXAMPLES

- 1. Restoring A Brother (Galatians 6:1-2)**
- 2. Requesting Forgiveness (Philemon 18-19)**
- 3. Covering Nakedness (Genesis 9:23)**

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**Back in the day there was a man
Who stepped out of heaven and he walked the land
He delivered to the people an eternal choice
With a heart full of luv and the truth in His voice
Gave up His life so that we may live
How much more luv could the Son of God give?
Here is the example that we ought be matchin’
Cause luv is a word that requires some action**

ALAN REDPATH



“This picture of love is a photograph of the Lord Jesus Christ in His inner character. And in His church, His body, He wants to have many reprints.”

PROBING QUESTIONS

- 1. Am I a person who cheers for immoral iniquity or for purity?**
- 2. Am I a person in whom love and truth are in balanced harmony?**
- 3. Am I a person who provides a place of refuge for a sinning brother or sister?**