



Love is an Action

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NKJV)

4 Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; **5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; **6** does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; **7** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. **8** Love never fails.....

Love: (*Strong-26*) *ἀγάπη-agapē*

- Affection or benevolence. Properly, love which centers in moral preference.

Long Suffering: (*Strong-3114*) *μακροθυμεί-makrothymeí*

- Long suffering or patient as opposed to hasty anger or punishment. 1Cor.13:4, 1Thess.5:14, 2Pet.3:9. To forebear Mt.18:26,29. To endure patiently, not losing faith or giving up. Self-restraint before leading to action.

Kind: (*Strong-5541*) *χρηστεύεται-chrēsteuetai*

- To help, stand beside, offer assistance and support in times of hardship and distress.

Not: (*Strong-3756*) *ού-ου*

- Not-Does not perform on this basis.

Not Envy: (*Strong-2206*) *ζηλοῖ-zēloi*

- To profess affection in order to gain someone as a follower. To have a strong affection for the purpose of self motivation or gain. Jas.3:16

Not Parade Itself: (*Strong-4068*) *περπερεύεται-perpereuetai*

- To brag or boast, to think too highly of oneself, to elevate above others. To be lifted up in pride.

Not Puffed Up: (*Strong-5448*) *φυσιοῦται-physioutai*

- Does not inflate his mind or thinking, or become high minded. Essentially to think he is more knowledgeable than others. See 1 Cor.4:6

Not Behave Rudely: (*Strong-807*) *ἀσχημονεῖ-aschēmonei*

- To behave in an ugly, indecent, unbecoming manner. To not care what others think of their actions.

Not Seek its Own: Seek-(*Strong-2212*) *ζητεῖ-zētei* – its Own-(*Strong-1438*) *ἐαυτῆς-heautēs*

- Does not seek an opportunity for their own personal gain, but an opportunity for others as well.

Not Easily Provoked: (*Strong-3947*) *παροξύνεται-paroxynetai*

- To rouse to anger or to indignation. To frustrate alongside, i.e. to incite ("jab"). To provoke feelings, spurring someone to action.

Thinks no Evil: Thinks-(*Strong-3049*) *λογίζεται-logizetai* – Evil-(*Strong-2556*) *κακόν-kakon*

- To count something to somebody and not let every bad thing or conduct or conversation, not letting it go. To store the offense.

Rejoices not In Iniquity: Rejoices-(Strong-5643) χαίρει-chairei – In-(Strong-1909) ἐπὶ-epi – Iniquity-(Strong-93) ἀδικία-adikia

- To be glad or relieved of one's injustice or moral wrongfulness or unrighteousness in order to bring judgement on them. Mk.14:10-11

But Rejoices in The Truth: But-(Strong-1161) δὲ-de – Rejoices-(Strong-4756) συνχαίρει-synchairei – The-(Strong-3588) τῆ-tē – Truth-(Strong-225) ἀληθεία-alētheia

- To rejoice together in the recovery of what was lost. Lk.15:9-10, 24-32. The parable of the lost coin and the parable of the lost son. To step back into truth that was walked out of but has now been found leading to their success.

The apostle Paul finishes with 4 verbs paralleled with πάντα-panta (“all things”)

All Things: (Strong-3956) πάντα-panta

- Means "all" in the sense of "each (every) part that applies." The emphasis of the total picture then is on "one piece at a time".

Bears: (Strong-4722) στέγει-stegei

- To patiently cover with silence, to protect or preserve by covering. To ward off something which threatens, to bear up against, to hold out against. Supporting a thing that is prominent.

Believes: (Strong-4100) πιστεύει-pisteuei

- To have faith with respect to a person, to commit to one's trust. Be committed unto, to put in trust.

Hopes: (Strong-1679) ἐλπίζει-elpizei

- The hope directed to and centered in a person. Eph.1:13

Endures: (Strong-5278) ὑπομένει-hypomenei

- To abide under. To bear up courageously, tarry and be strong under suffering. To have fortitude and endure. To abide (used a lot in 1 John, Heb.10:32, 2Tim.3:10-12)

Love Never Fails: Never-(Strong-3763) οὐδέποτε-oudepote – Fails-(Strong-4098) πίπτει-rippei

- Absolutely never: Driven out of one's course. Loses or becomes insufficient. Falls off or falls from its position or becomes powerless without effect.