

Love – Part II - Feb. 22, 2023

Actions speak louder than words. How does LOVE act? 14 ways

Vs. 5 – Love does not “**behave rudely**” **NKJV**. Love is “not rude.” **NLT**

Good News Trans – “Love is not ill-mannered”

Rudeness is on the rise. “Karen” (bad behavior, privileged)

Rudeness breeds rudeness. Neg impact.

Culture w/o civility. We/Different. Ex: Jesus: door/knocks. **Rev3:20**

Phone. Traffic. Please – Thank U. Greet/respond. **Respect.**

NIV – “Love does not dishonor others”

- Love doesn't damage another's reputation; disgrace, shame.
 - o Gossip. Lies. Facebook posts - Public shaming.
 - “A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.” – **Prov. 11:13 NIV**
 - “A talebearer reveals secrets” – **NKJV**
 - “Argue your case with your neighbor without betraying another's confidence” - **Prov. 25:9**
 - o Love doesn't belittle someone; insult; an indignity.
 - o Jesus took our shame on Himself. He bore the cross.
 - o He doesn't say to us – “Shame on you.” He took it.
- “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” – **Heb. 12:2**

2 Love “does not demand its own way” or Selfish “not self-seeking”

- My Way . . . Love gives in. Love says your choice has value.
- Selfishness dmgs relationships... says: you matter less.
 - o Jesus' ex - you matter more. Gave up riches for us.
 - o “Beloved, let us unselfishly love and seek the best for one another, for love is from God” - **1 John 4:7 [Amplified Bible]**

3 Love is “not irritable” – **NLT**. “Not easily angered” - **NIV**.

NKJV – Love “is not provoked.”

People we love the most know how to push our buttons.

God is interested in our reactions - that's in our control.

“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love.” **Psalm 103:8**

④ Love “keeps no record of being wronged.”

- Don't keep bringing things up.
- Credit the change, improvement, maturity, better... not bad.
 - Love brings out the best.
- Attribute of God - forgive, and think of it no more
 - “I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” **Isa. 43:25 ESV**
 - “For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.” – **Heb. 8:12**
 - “He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.” – **Psalm 103:12**
- More than 3x... attention! We'd be happier ... to forget.

⑤ Love “does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth” - **NIV**

“does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever truth wins out”

- Some take a “fiendish delight” when bad happens to others
 - Root to “get what's coming to them” not motivated by love.
- “For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; no evil can dwell with You.” – **Psalm 5:4**
 - Not happy when an enemy is “caught” doing wrong
 - Chief priests were **delighted** in Judas' betrayal. **Mk. 14:11**
- God isn't happy. Not dismissive/doesn't ignore. Still loves.
 - His love is perfect. Uncond'l. Unending.
 - “if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.” – **1 John 4:12**