

# 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

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**Love:** *strong affection for another arising out of kinship or personal ties; attraction based on sexual desire : affection and tenderness felt by lovers; affection based on admiration, benevolence, or common interests; an assurance of affection; warm attachment, enthusiasm, or devotion; a beloved person; unselfish loyal and benevolent concern for the good of another: such as (1): the fatherly concern of God for humankind (2): brotherly concern for others;*

**1. AMP: Love endures with patience and serenity,**

**MSG: Love never gives up.**

**Endure:** *to continue in the same state; to remain firm under suffering or misfortune without yielding; to undergo especially without giving in*

**Patience:** *the capacity, habit, or fact of being patient*

**Patient:** *bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint; manifesting forbearance under provocation or strain; not hasty or impetuous; steadfast despite opposition, difficulty, or adversity; able or willing to bear;*

**Serenity:** *a state of utter calm and unruffled repose or quietude*

**Give Up:** *to yield control or possession of: SURRENDER; to desist from: ABANDON; to declare incurable or insoluble; to abandon (oneself) to a particular feeling, influence, or activity; to despair of seeing*

## **2. AMP: love is kind and thoughtful,**

### **MSG: Love cares more for others than for self.**

**Kind:** *of a sympathetic or helpful nature; of a forbearing nature: GENTLE; arising from or characterized by sympathy or forbearance*

**Gentle:** *free from harshness, sternness, or violence; SOFT, DELICATE; HONORABLE, DISTINGUISHED;*

**Thoughtful:** *absorbed in thought: MEDITATIVE; characterized by careful reasoned thinking; having thoughts: HEEDFUL; given to or chosen or made with heedful anticipation of the needs and wants of others*

**Cares:** *regard coming from desire or esteem; responsibility for or attention to health, well-being, and safety; a person or thing that is an object of attention, anxiety, or solicitude; to be concerned about or to the extent of*

## **3. AMP: and is not jealous or envious;**

### **MSG: Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.**

**Jealous:** *hostile toward a rival or one believed to enjoy an advantage: ENVIOUS; intolerant of rivalry or unfaithfulness; disposed to suspect rivalry or unfaithfulness; vigilant in guarding a possession*

**Envious:** *feeling or showing envy*

**Envy:** *painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage; obsolete: MALICE; an object of envious notice or feeling*

#### 4. AMP: love does not brag

##### MSG: Love doesn't strut,

**Brag**: a pompous or boastful statement; arrogant talk or manner: COCKINESS; to talk boastfully; to assert boastfully

**Strut**: to become turgid: SWELL; to walk with a proud gait; to walk with a pompous and affected air; to parade something with a show of pride

#### 5. AMP: and is not proud or arrogant.

##### MSG: Doesn't have a swelled head,

**Proud**: feeling or showing pride: such as a: having or displaying excessive self-esteem, b: much pleased: EXULTANT, c: having proper self-respect; marked by stateliness : MAGNIFICENT; giving reason for pride : GLORIOUS

**Arrogant**: exaggerating or disposed to exaggerate one's own worth or importance often by an overbearing manner; showing an offensive attitude of superiority: proceeding from or characterized by arrogance

**Swelled Head**: an exaggerated opinion of oneself: SELF-CONCEIT

#### 6. AMP: It is not rude;

##### MSG: Doesn't force itself on others,

**Rude**: being in a rough or unfinished state: CRUDE; NATURAL, RAW; PRIMITIVE, UNDEVELOPED; SIMPLE, ELEMENTAL; lacking refinement or delicacy; offensive in manner or action : DISCOURTEOUS; UNCIVILIZED, SAVAGE; COARSE, VULGAR

**Force**: strength or energy exerted or brought to bear: cause of motion or change : active power; capacity to persuade or convince; violence, compulsion, or constraint exerted upon or against a person or thing; the quality of conveying impressions intensely in writing or speech

**7. AMP: it is not self-seeking,**

**MSG: Isn't always "me first,"**

**Self-Seeking**: the act or practice of selfishly advancing one's own ends; seeking only to further one's own interests

**8. AMP: it is not provoked [nor overly sensitive and easily angered];**

**MSG: Doesn't fly off the handle,**

**Provoked**: to call forth (a feeling, an action, etc.): EVOKE; to stir up purposely; to stir up purposely; to incite to anger; to arouse to a feeling or action

**Overly**: to an excessive degree: TOO

**Sensitive**: highly responsive or susceptible: such as a: easily hurt or damaged, especially: easily hurt emotionally; delicately aware of the attitudes and feelings of others, b: excessively or abnormally susceptible: HYPERSENSITIVE, c: readily affected or changed by various agents; calling for tact, care, or caution in treatment: TOUCHY

**Easily**: in an easy manner: without difficulty; without question: by far;

**Angered**: a strong feeling of displeasure and usually of antagonism; a threatening or violent appearance or state

**Fly off the Handle**: to lose control of one's emotions: to become very angry

**9. AMP: it does not take into account a wrong endured.**

**MSG: Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,**

**Take into account:** *to give attention or consideration to (something)*

**Wrong:** *an injurious, unfair, or unjust act: action or conduct inflicting harm without due provocation or just cause; a violation or invasion of the legal rights of another; not right or proper according to a code, standard, or convention: IMPROPER; not in accordance with one's needs, intent, or expectations; without regard for what is proper or just;*

**Endure:** *to continue in the same state; to remain firm under suffering or misfortune without yielding; to undergo especially without giving in*

**Keep Score:** *to officially record the number of something*

**Sin:** *an offense against religious or moral law; an action that is or is felt to be highly reprehensible; an often-serious shortcoming: FAULT; transgression of the law of God; a vitiated state of human nature in which the self is estranged from God*

**10. AMP: It does not rejoice at injustice,**

**MSG: Doesn't revel when others grovel,**

**Rejoice:** *to give joy to: GLADDEN; to feel joy or great delight*

**Injustice:** *absence of justice: violation of right or of the rights of another: UNFAIRNESS; an unjust act: WRONG*

**Revel:** *to take part in a revel: CAROUSE; to take intense pleasure or satisfaction*

**Grovel:** *to give oneself over to what is base or unworthy: WALLOW*

**11. AMP: but rejoices with the truth [when right and truth prevail].**

**MSG: Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,**

**Rejoice**: to give joy to: *GLADDEN*; to feel joy or great delight

**Right**: *RIGHTEOUS, UPRIGHT*; being in accordance with what is just, good, or proper;  
conforming to facts or truth: *CORRECT*

**Truth**: the body of real things, events, and facts: *ACTUALITY*; the state of being the case:  
*FACT*; the state of being the case : *FACT*; a judgment, proposition, or idea that is true or  
accepted as true,

**Prevail**: to gain ascendancy through strength or superiority: *TRIUMPH*; to be or become  
effective or effectual; to use persuasion successfully; to be frequent: *PREDOMINATE*; to be or  
continue in use or fashion: *PERSIST*

**Pleasure**: *DESIRE, INCLINATION*; a state of gratification; sensual gratification; frivolous  
amusement; a source of delight or joy

**Flowering**: an unfolding or development; a flourishing state or period of new development or  
growth

**12. AMP: Love bears all things [regardless of what comes],**

**MSG: Puts up with anything,**

**Bears**: to accept or allow oneself to be subjected to especially without giving way; to call for as  
suitable or essential; *ASSUME, ACCEPT*; to be equipped or furnished with (something); to give  
as testimony

**13. AMP: believes all things [looking for the best in each one],**

**MSG: Trusts God always,**

**Believes**: *to consider to be true or honest; to accept the word or evidence of; to accept something as true, genuine, or real; to have a firm conviction as to the goodness, efficacy, or ability of something*

**Best**: *excelling all others; most productive of good: offering or producing the greatest advantage, utility, or satisfaction; the greatest degree of good or excellence; one's maximum effort*

**Trust**: *assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something; one in which confidence is placed; dependence on something future or contingent: HOPE; to rely on the truthfulness or accuracy of: BELIEVE; to place confidence in: rely on; to hope or expect confidently; to place confidence : DEPEND*

**Always**: *at all times: INVARIABLY; FOREVER; at any rate: in any event*

**14. AMP: hopes all things [remaining steadfast during difficult times],**

**MSG: Always looks for the best,**

**Hope**: *to cherish a desire with anticipation: to want something to happen or be true; TRUST; to desire with expectation of obtainment or fulfillment; to expect with confidence: TRUST; desire accompanied by expectation of or belief in fulfillment;*

**Steadfast**: *firmly fixed in place: IMMOVABLE; not subject to change; firm in belief, determination, or adherence: LOYAL*

**Difficult**: *hard to do, make, or carry out: ARDUOUS; hard to deal with, manage, or overcome; hard to understand: PUZZLING*

**Best:** *excelling all others; most productive of good: offering or producing the greatest advantage, utility, or satisfaction; the greatest degree of good or excellence; one's maximum effort*

## **15. AMP: endures all things [without weakening].**

**MSG: Never looks back,**

**Endure:** *to continue in the same state; to remain firm under suffering or misfortune without yielding; to undergo especially without giving in*

**Weaken:** *to make weak: lessen the strength of; to reduce in intensity or effectiveness*

**Never:** *not ever: at no time; not in any degree: not under any condition*

**Look Back:** *to think about something in the past*

## **16. AMP: Love never fails [it never fades nor ends]**

**MSG: But keeps going to the end.**

**Never:** *not ever: at no time; not in any degree: not under any condition*

**Fails:** *to lose strength: WEAKEN; to fade or die away; to stop functioning normally; to fall short; to be or become absent or inadequate; to be unsuccessful; to disappoint the expectations or trust of; to be deficient in: LACK; to leave undone: NEGLECT*

**Fades:** *to lose freshness, strength, or vitality: WITHER; to lose freshness or brilliance of color; to sink away: VANISH; to change gradually in loudness, strength, or visibility*

**Keeps Going:** *to continue moving forward; to continue doing something*

**End:** *a point that marks the extent of something; the point where something ceases to exist;*

*DEATH, DESTRUCTION; an outcome worked toward: PURPOSE*



## **17. AMP: And now there remain:**

**MSG: But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation:**

**Remain:** *to be a part not destroyed, taken, or used up; to be something yet to be shown, done, or treated; to stay in the same place or with the same person or group; to continue unchanged*

**Completeness:** *having all necessary parts, elements, or steps; TOTAL, ABSOLUTE; fully carried out: THOROUGH; brought to an end: CONCLUDED; to bring to an end and especially into a perfected state; to make whole or perfect; to mark the end of; EXECUTE, FULFILL; to carry out successfully*

**Consummation:** *the act of consummating; the ultimate end: FINISH*

**Consume:** *extremely skilled and accomplished; of the highest degree; complete in every detail: PERFECT; complete in every detail: PERFECT; to make perfect; ACHIEVE*

## **18. AMP: faith [abiding trust in God and His promises],**

**MSG: Trust steadily in God**

**Faith:** *allegiance to duty or a person: LOYALTY; fidelity to one's promises; sincerity of intentions; belief and trust in and loyalty to God; firm belief in something for which there is no proof; complete trust; something that is believed especially with strong conviction*

**Trust:** *assured reliance on the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something; one in which confidence is placed; dependence on something future or contingent: HOPE; to*

*rely on the truthfulness or accuracy of: BELIEVE; to place confidence in: rely on; to hope or expect confidently; to place confidence : DEPEND*

**Abiding**: *continuing for a long time: ENDURING*

**Promises**: *a declaration that one will do or refrain from doing something specified; a legally binding declaration that gives the person to whom it is made a right to expect or to claim the performance or forbearance of a specified act; reason to expect something; to pledge to do, bring about, or provide*

**Steadily**: *direct or sure in movement: UNFALTERING; firm in position: FIXED; keeping nearly upright in a seaway; showing little variation or fluctuation : STABLE, UNIFORM; not easily disturbed or upset; constant in feeling, principle, purpose, or attachment*

## **19. AMP: hope [confident expectation of eternal salvation],**

### **MSG: hope unswervingly,**

**Hope**: *to cherish a desire with anticipation: to want something to happen or be true; TRUST; to desire with expectation of obtainment or fulfillment; to expect with confidence: TRUST; desire accompanied by expectation of or belief in fulfillment;*

**Confident**: *full of conviction; CEERTAIN; having or showing assurance and self-reliance*

**Expectation**: *the act or state of expecting: ANTICIPATION;*

**Eternal**: *having infinite duration: EVERLASTING; of or relating to eternity; characterized by abiding fellowship with God; continued without intermission: PERPETUAL; seemingly endless; valid or existing at all times: TIMELESS*

**Salvation**: *deliverance from the power and effects of sin; liberation from ignorance or illusion; preservation from destruction or failure*

**Unswervingly**: without swerving or turning aside; *STEADILY, UNREMITTINGLY*

**20. AMP: love [unselfish love for others growing out of God's love for me],**

**MSG: love extravagantly.**

**Unselfish**: not selfish: *GENEROUS*

**Extravagantly**: exceeding the limits of reason or necessity; lacking in moderation, balance, and restraint; extremely or excessively elaborate; extremely or unreasonably high in price