

Growing in Christ: The “Love Is” Challenge

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1 Cor. 13:4-7 Since Jesus is Love: I am to grow into His likeness: Where I am now:

Love is patient	Jesus is patient	I am patient	Never – Sometime - Mostly - Always
Love is kind	Jesus is kind	I am kind	Never – Sometime - Mostly - Always
Love is not jealous	Jesus is not jealous	I am not jealous	Never – Sometime - Mostly - Always
Love does not brag	Jesus does not brag	I do not brag	Never – Sometime - Mostly - Always
Love is not arrogant	Jesus is not arrogant	I am not arrogant	Never – Sometime - Mostly - Always
Love does not act disgracefully	Jesus does not act disgracefully	I do not act disgracefully	Never – Sometime - Mostly - Always
Love does not seek its own benefit	Jesus does not seek His own benefit	I do not seek my own benefit	Never – Sometime - Mostly - Always
Love is not easily angered or offended	Jesus is not easily angered or offended	I am not easily angered or offended	Never – Sometime - Mostly - Always
Love does not keep an account of wrongs suffered	Jesus does not keep an account of wrongs suffered	I do not keep an account of wrongs suffered	Never – Sometime - Mostly - Always
Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness	Jesus does not rejoice in unrighteousness	I do not rejoice in unrighteousness	Never – Sometime - Mostly - Always
Love rejoices with the truth	Jesus rejoices with the truth	I rejoice with the truth	Never – Sometime - Mostly - Always
Love keeps every confidence	Jesus keeps every confidence	I keep every confidence	Never – Sometime - Mostly - Always

Select the most appropriate response for your general behavior (as observed by others). Date the “challenge” and put it away, perhaps in your Bible, other study materials or a calendar.

Wait a while, three months – six months – even a year. Then, check back to see what progress has been made. Are you any different from when you last challenged yourself? Progress is made by and through cooperation with the Holy Spirit – not in our power, but His.

HOW IT HAPPENS:

1. Ask: Pray regularly that the Holy Spirit transform you day-by-day into the image of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

2. Expect to be challenged in these areas in the days ahead for this is how we grow.

²Consider it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you encounter various trials [temptations],

³knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance [steadfastness]. ⁴And let endurance [steadfastness] have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect [mature] and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2-4

3. Consider every grievous thing to be an opportunity to grow in His image (count it all joy). Seek (daily) the help of the Holy Spirit to pass the tests of faith that mature us.

4. As you grow, rejoice and give thanks!