

Building a life of love

Love with Action

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Romans 12:9 "Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them..." (NLT=New Living Translation)

I Corinthians 13:4-7 "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud⁵ or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.⁶ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.⁷ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance." (NLT)

1. Love is patient and _____
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2. Love is _____
"Love is not jealous or boastful or proud⁵ or rude."

3. Love focusses on _____
"It does not demand its own way."

4. Love isn't easily _____
"It is not irritable,.."

5. Love doesn't _____
"...It keeps no record of being wronged."

6. Love rejoices in _____
"It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out."

7. Love is _____

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Discussion Questions:

1. How do we pretend to love people? What does that look like? What does that feel like? Why are we told to avoid this behavior? Isn't it better than being mean or unkind?
2. Paul describes the actions of agape love in I Cor. 13-4-7. Discuss each of the seven behaviors. First discuss what it means to live this specific behavior. Secondly, discuss how we put this into practice in our everyday relationships.
3. Of the seven loving actions, which one(s) do you need to focus on a little bit more?