

The Quality:	The Goal of Maturity:	Missing the Mark:
(1 Cor 13:4-7)	Love is	Lack of Love is
<i>Love is Patient</i>	Patient, calm, forbearing, composed, slow to anger, enduring wrongs, meek, quiet spirited, accepting what God allows with equanimity.	Impatient, upset, uncomposed, “put out,” angry, fretful, nasty, annoyed, unable to endure hurts, disquieted in spirit; angry, impatient, or upset with God, raging at God for consequences of sins.
<i>Love is kind</i>	Kind, serving, doing good, ministering, helpful, useful, beneficial, conferring blessing, friendly, affectionate, gentle, mild, gracious, useful to God, serving God.	Unkind, cruel, unhelpful, not useful, withdrawn, self-protecting, harsh, severe, unfriendly, not serving others, self-pleasing, neglecting to serve God or use one’s spiritual gifts.
<i>Is not jealous</i>	Rejoicing at or pleased with others’ advancement or advantages, generous, content, thankful, satisfied, appreciative, sincerely praising others, not jealous, not envious, thankful for, grateful for, and content with what God has given.	Jealous, envious, uneasy or unhappy at others’ advancement or advantages, covetous, discontentedly competitive or rivaling, possessive, greedy, avaricious, grasping, hating, thankless, dissatisfied, discontent, begrudging, grumbling, complaining, unthankful for and discontent with what God has given.
<i>Love does not brag</i>	Modest, unostentatious, and careful in speech, having a spirit of “If the Lord wills.”	Bragging, sounding own praises, “talking big,” calling attention to self, seeking applause, showing off, parading oneself, boasting of tomorrow.
<i>Is not arrogant</i>	Humble, lowly in mind, unassuming, self-effacing, unpretentious, unobtrusive, worshipping the one true God, putting God’s Word above human wisdom or desires, casting one’s cares on God.	Arrogant, proud, conceited, self-exalting, puffed with pride, haughty in spirit, giving an air of superiority, contemptuous, disdainful, presumptuous, overbearing, domineering, dictatorial, “big headed,” idolatrous, placing human wisdom or desires above God’s Word, viewing one’s advantages as resting in oneself.
<i>Does not act unbecomingly</i>	Polite, courteous, decent, considerate, pure acting, behaving with propriety, mannerly, gentlemanly, chivalrous, gracious, tactful, thoughtful, respectful, sensitive to others, sympathetic, obedient to the commands of Scripture.	Impolite, indecent, inconsiderate, behaving dishonorably, acting with impropriety, disgraceful, impure, unseemly, unmannerly, thoughtless, disrespectful, indelicate, rudely embarrassing to others, brusque, coarse, ruthless, shameless, violating the commands of God’s Word.
<i>Does not seek its own</i>	Unselfish, self-sacrificial, selfless, self-denying, submissive, yielding, seeking the welfare of others, submissive and yielded to God.	Self-seeking, selfish, self-assertive, insisting on own rights, self-centered, “looking out for Number One,” demanding precedence, recognition, consideration, or applause, unsubmissive, stubborn, rebellious, resisting God’s control, unsubmissive to God.

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<i>Is not provoked</i>	Calm in disposition, subdued, peaceful, gentle, good-natured, even-tempered, sweet, warm, mild, having a spirit of peace in God.	Irritable, sharp, incensed, annoyed, quick-tempered, touchy, hyper-sensitive, easily ruffled, edgy, excitable, quick to take offense, exasperated, fretful, cutting, caustic, sarcastic, difficult to live with, given to tantrums, angry, hating, wrathful, raging, violent, sharp in spirit, provoked at God, seething against God.
<i>Does not take into account a wrong suffered</i>	Forgiving, guileless, sincere, open, thankful to God even for pain or loss.	Resentful, unforgiving, revengeful, holding grudges, reciting the offense done by others, bitter, brooding over wrongs received, vindictive, deceitful, harboring the memory of injury, bitter or resentful toward God, thankless, grumbling or complaining against God, ungrateful or complaining at God for pain or loss.
<i>Does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth</i>	Gladdened when another does righteously and advances his reputation, grieved or saddened at another's sin or misfortune, appreciating and praising another concerning his righteous life, careful not to expose the faults of another to other people, glad to discover goodness in another, sad to do unrighteousness, worshipping and glorifying God for who He is.	Rejoicing in unrighteousness done by another to his own discredit, having "malignant joy" (finding pleasure in another's sin or misfortune), gloating over the faults of others, talking behind another's back and exposing his faults or failures, having malicious pleasure, happy in doing unrighteousness, not worshipping or glorifying God for who He is.
<i>Bears all things</i>	Bearing any amount of pressure, having a "watertight" attitude, holding up under all pressure, praising God under difficult pressures.	Collapsing under pressure, giving way, giving in, blaming God for difficult pressures.
<i>Believes all things</i>	Believing the best about others, giving the benefit of the doubt, eager to believe the best, confident in others, believing <i>in</i> others, trusting, over-generous, vulnerable, putting the best construction on the conduct of others, trusting God with the issues and relationships of life.	Suspicious, doubtful about others, fault-finding, distrustful, cynical, critical, skeptical, excessively self-protective, not trusting God but instead worrying, being intimidated, being timid, being cowardly.
<i>Hopes all things</i>	Hopeful, optimistic, "hoping against hope," seeing the bright side, sunny, cheerful, refusing to take failure as final, looking to ultimate triumph, hoping in God.	Hopeless, pessimistic, giving up on others, despairing, gloomy, sour, morose, ceasing to hope in God.
<i>Endures all things</i>	Enduring, "remaining under," having active positive fortitude, persevering, going on and on, steadfast, holding on, sustaining, undaunted, undiscouraged, undismayed, enduring the difficulties of life with joy in the Lord.	Giving up, ceasing, fleeing under trials, discouraged, getting to the "end of one's rope," giving up on one's resources in Christ.