

Love

Love **suffers long**, having patience with imperfect people.

Love **is kind**, active in doing good.

Love **does not envy**; since it is non-possessive and non-competitive, it actually wants other people to get ahead.

Hence it **does not parade itself**. Love has a self-effacing quality; it is not ostentatious.

Love **is not puffed up**, treating others arrogantly.

It **does not behave rudely**, but displays good manners and courtesy.

Love **does not seek its own**, insisting on its own rights and demanding precedence, rather, it is unselfish.

Love **is not provoked**; it is not irritable or touchy, rough or hostile, but is graceful under pressure.

Love **thinks no evil**; it does not keep an account of wrongs done to it, instead it erases resentments.

Love **does not rejoice in iniquity**, finding satisfaction in the shortcomings of others and spreading an evil report.

Rather it **rejoices in the truth**, aggressively advertising the good.

Love **bears all things**, defending and holding other people up.

Love **believes** the best about others, credits them with good intentions and is not suspicious.

Love **hopes all things**, never giving up on people, but affirming their future.

Love **endures all things**, persevering and remaining loyal to the end.

Love never fails.