

Ingredients of Love

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Patient = Literally love suffers long; it has a long fuse. When Jesus was wronged He was patient and silent.

Kind = Love goes out of its way to be good to others.

Envy = Love desires the best for others.

Boast = The Greek implies that we “do not boast like a windbag”. Jesus never showed off or bragged about who He was or what He could do.

Proud = Love is not arrogant. Pride is inflated selfishness and self worth. Love is genuine humility.

Rude = Love is not inconsiderate or inattentive.

Seeking = God’s love does not grasp for its own rights. This rules out selfish or conditional love, such as “I will love you if” or “as long as” etc.

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Angered = Does not easily become irritated, not touchy, grouchy. Jesus was never vindictive. He never retaliated when wronged, grumbled or complained

Wrong = God’s love forgives and forgets, does not hold a grudge.

Truth = Love is never glad when others do wrong or bad things happen to others. It does not delight in weakness of others. Does not gloat or gossip.

Things = God’s love gives the benefit of the doubt. It is loyal, yet not gullible. It is slow to judge then judges righteously.

Hopes = It never take failure as final. Looks toward the future not the past, looks toward the positive not the negative.

Endures = Love perseveres, does not give up. God’s love can not be conquered. Christ endured to the end and so must we.

Fail = Love is eternal, never ends, never fails, never loses strength. It is immovable.

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