

BELOVED BE LOVED BE LOVE

REAL LOVE

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Four Types of Challenging People

- _____ people
- _____ people
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1 Corinthians 13:3-8 (NLT)

If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

4 Characteristics of Real Love

Love is not rude, so...

1

I must be _____, not just truthful.

Proverbs 18:13 (MSG)

Answering before listening is both stupid and rude.

“If you have tact, you have less to retract.”

Ephesians 4:31-32 (CEV)

Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don't yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.

Proverbs 16:21 (TEV)

A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.

Love does not demand its own way, so...

2

I must be _____, not demanding.

Philippians 2:5-7 (NLT)

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to (demand) or cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form...

Titus 3:2 (GW)

Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone.

Luke 6:31 (NIV)

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Three B's to Becoming the Most Understanding Person You Know:

- _____ - Where did they come from? What is their worldview?
- _____ - What have they been through? What has happened to them?
- _____ - What emotional, physical, or spiritual burden are they carrying?

Love is not irritable, so...

3

I must be _____, not judgmental.

Galatians 6:1 (NCV)

Brothers and sisters, if someone in your group does something wrong, you who are spiritual should go to that person and gently help make him right again. But be careful, because you might be tempted to sin, too.

Romans 14:12-13 (NIV)

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Therefore, let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

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Two human responses to my hurt:

- I _____ it.
- I _____ against.

Love keeps no records of wrongs, so ...



I must _____ it and not repeat it.

- We repeat it emotionally in our minds.
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Leviticus 19:17 (MSG)

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Mark 11:25 (AMP)

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Proverbs 10:12 (GNT)

Hate stirs up trouble, but love forgives all offenses.

Proverbs 19:11 (GNT)

If you are sensible, you will control your temper. When someone wrongs you, it is a great virtue to ignore it.

Job 18:4 (GNT)

You are only hurting yourself with your anger. Will the earth be deserted because you are angry? Will God move mountains to satisfy you?

Proverbs 17:9 (ESV)

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Jesus is _____!

Ephesians 1:7 (TPT)

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- Demanding people
- Disappointing people
- Destructive people

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