

A Picture of Love In A House of Loathing (III)

1 Corinthians 13

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7. **Goal of Paul's instruction, 1 Tim.1:5**

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II. Characteristics of Love

9. Love thinks no evil

Accounting term; does not enter wrongs in ledger; keep score.

Three ideas -

1. Love does not store up resentment. Pr.19:11.
2. Love does not attribute evil motives (view people in negative light) or assume the worst.
3. Love erases memory of the deed (ct. 6:1-8).

10. Love does not rejoice in iniquity

Finds no pleasure in anything wrong
with opponent...

1. Love hates sin, tries to save sinner
2. Prov.24:17-18
3. Ro.1:32

11. Love rejoices in (with) truth

Truth makes love rejoice.

Rejoices whenever truth wins out.

1. Love is not neutral; embraces truth eagerly. Ac.7. 3 Jn.4.

2. 2 Sm.12.

12. Love bears all things

Love never gives up,
never stops being patient

1. From 'roof' – love covers; protects,
1 Pt.4:8.
2. 1 Co.9:12, bear, endure.

13. Love believes all things

Love is not gullible;
does not believe lies, but . . .

1. Optimistic: continues to think best about others till forced to change view.
 - Opposite of cynic, 1 Tim.6:4
2. Always looks for good in people.
 - Peter, Jn.1:42 – Jn.21??
 - 1 Cor.6:9-11??

14. Love hopes all things

Even when evidence proves someone
guilty, love hopes for the best

1. Ac.15, John Mark

2. Ac.9, Saul

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patient with
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 - 2 Tim.2:10 (Ac.7)
 - Job 19:25 – Ja.5:11

1 Co.13:4-7, one long sentence

1. Uses verbs.

Love obeys; does what God wants

2. John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:10, 14