

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF LOVE

	Love Is Not...	Definition	Scripture
v. 4	Envious, jealous, covetous	Wanting to be what others are or to have what others have. It is possessiveness to the point of obsession, the opposite of <i>contentedness</i> .	Job 5:2; Ps. 37:1; Prov. 27:4; 1 Tim. 6:4; Titus 3:3
v. 4	Boastful, bragging, conceited	Constantly talking about oneself in a conceited way. It is the opposite of quiet <i>humility</i> .	Ps. 10:3; Prov. 25:14; James 3:5, 4:16
v. 4	Proud, arrogant, egotistical	Having an inflated sense of the self, having a "big head." Living as if only <i>your</i> opinion, tastes, and choices matter. It is the opposite of <i>being humble</i> .	Prov. 16:5; Jer. 50:31-32; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5
v. 5	Rude, immodest, disgraceful	A lack of consideration for the feelings or needs of others; insolent, offensive and provocative behavior. The attitude of being more important than others. It is the opposite of <i>kindness</i> .	Rom. 1:27; 1 Cor. 7:36; Rev. 16:15
v. 5	Self-seeking, self-centered, selfish	"Looking out for number one," or being wrapped up in one's own concerns. It is the opposite of <i>a life centered on God</i> .	1 Cor. 10:24, 33; Rom. 15:1-2; Phil. 2:4, 21
v. 5	Easily angered, irritable, provoked	Always ready for an argument, having a short fuse. It is the opposite of <i>patience and kindness</i> .	Eccl. 7:9; Eph. 4:31-32; Col. 3:8, 21; Titus 1:7
v. 5	Keeping records of wrong, resentful	Unable to let go of past injustices, keeping a list of wrongs, and, often, planning revenge. Reminding others of how they have failed you in the past, and probably will in the future. It is the opposite of <i>being kind and forgiving</i> .	Prov. 24:29; Luke 9:53-55; Col. 3:13
v. 6	Delighting in evil	Getting a kick out of others' troubles or the enjoyment of bad or twisted behavior. It is the opposite of <i>rejoicing in the truth</i> .	Rom. 1:32

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v. 4 Patient, steadfast, enduring	Willing to endure emotional discomfort and suffering. It is the opposite of demanding what we want right now and being easily angered.	Eccl. 7:8; Gal. 5:22; James 5:7-9
v. 4 Kind, good, pleasant	Seeking the best for the other person. Love is willing to go the extra mile. It is the opposite of being rude.	Gal. 5:22; Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:12
v. 6 Rejoicing with truth	Happy to know what is true. It is the opposite of delighting in evil. Knowing and admitting the truth creates a reliable environment for the other person.	2 John 4; 3 John 3-4
v. 7 Always protective, preserving	Love reassures others that their heart is safe with us. It is the opposite of keeping a record of wrongs.	1 Cor. 9:12; Gal. 6:1-2
v. 7 Always trusting, believing, faithful	Trust and faithfulness are necessary for an open, intimate relationship. When people open up their hearts, they need to be safe and cared for, even when they disappoint you. It is the opposite of self-seeking.	1 Cor. 13:13
v. 7 Always hopeful, expectant, confident	Hopeful that, despite sin and mistakes, God blesses our faithfulness. Hopeful that, even if other people may abuse our trust, God will always be reliable. It is the opposite of a cynical, angry outlook.	Ps. 31:24; Joel 3:16; Rom. 15:13; 1 Cor. 13:13
v. 7 Always persevering, enduring, abiding	Despite wrongs and mistakes, love survives. Love makes people available to others, ready to listen, lend a hand, or be a comforting shoulder. It is the opposite of failing or falling.	Rom. 12:12; 1 Peter 2:20