

Love Always Wins 1Cor 13: 4-8 (Part Three)

We need to focus on walking in love on our own. I have heard other people say how much someone else needed to walk in love, but I knew their life and knew they had little room to talk. They themselves were the marquee actor in an on Broadway production: hypocrites. It is a day to pull the speck out of our own eye!

4. Love does not parade itself (vs. 4) ~ Has a self effacing quality; it is not ostentatious

(KJS) charity vaunteth not itself

(NASB) love does not brag

(RSV) Love is not boastful

(WEY) Love is not forward and self-assertive

(NIV) Love does not boast

(BBE) Love has no high opinion of itself

(DBY) Love is not insolent and rash

(AMP) Love is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily

5. Love is not puffed up (vs. 4) ~ Treating others arrogantly

(NASB) love is not arrogant,

(WEY) Love is not boastful and conceited.

(NIV) Love is not proud.

(BBE) Love has no pride

(AMP) Love is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride)

defined: perpereuomai

1) to boast one's self

2) a self display, employing rhetorical embellishments in extolling one's self excessively

Matthew Henry Commentary:

Charity subdues pride and vain-glory; is not bloated with self-conceit, does not swell upon its acquisitions, nor arrogate to itself that honour, or power, or respect, which does not belong to it. It is not insolent, apt to despise others, or trample on them, or treat them with contempt and scorn. Those who are animated with a principle of true brotherly love will in honour prefer one another,

Love never thinks one is better than other people

Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

(NIV) Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

(RSV) love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Philippians 2:1-7 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,

6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Matthew Henry Commentary:

True love will give us an esteem of our brethren, and raise our value for them; and this will limit our esteem of ourselves, and prevent the tumours of self-conceit and arrogance. These ill qualities can never grow out of tender affection for the brethren, nor a diffusive benevolence. The word rendered in our translation *vaunteth itself* bears other significations; nor is the proper meaning, as I can find, settled; but in every sense and meaning true charity stands in opposition to it. The Syriac renders it, -- *does not raise tumults* and disturbances. Charity calms the angry passions, instead of raising them. Others render it, -- *It does not act insidiously with any*, seek to ensnare them, nor tease them with needless importunities and addresses. It is not forward, nor stubborn and untractable, nor apt to be cross and contradictory. Some understand it of dissembling and flattery, when a fair face is put on, and fine words are said, without any regard to truth, or intention of good. Charity abhors such falsehood and flattery. Nothing is commonly more pernicious, nor more apt to cross the purposes of true love and good will.

1 Corinthians 8:1 Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

Puff defined: to inflate, blow up, cause to swell, to make proud

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty (high minded, conceited), nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,

19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

It has been disappointing to know Christians who are well educated, have fine careers, and are wealthy, but look down on others because of those accomplishments. It is import for us to remember that God has no caste system and doesn't see things through man's eyes. The love of God is void of prejudice.

6. Does not behave rudely (vs. 5) ~ But displays good manners and courtesy

(DBY) does not behave in an unseemly manner

(BBE) Love's ways are ever fair

(NASB) does not act unbecomingly

(YLT) doth not act unseemly

(WEY) She does not behave unbecomingly,

(AMP) Love is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly

Rudely Defined: askemon as-kay'-mone

1) uncomely

2) deformed

3) indecent, unseemly

Vines: behavior, how we act

Matthew Henry Commentary:

Charity is careful not to pass the bounds of decency; -- *it beaveth not unseemly*; it does nothing indecorous, nothing that in the common account of men is base or vile. It does nothing out of place or time; but behaves towards all men as becomes their rank and ours, with reverence and respect to superiors, with kindness and condescension to inferiors, with courtesy and good-will towards all men. It is not for breaking order, confounding ranks bringing all men on a level; but for keeping up the distinction God has made between men, and acting decently in its own station, and minding its own business, without taking upon it to mend, or censure, or despise, the conduct of others. Charity will do nothing that misbecomes it.