

What Love Is Like

God tells us in I Corinthians 13:4-8 what love is like. Here are a few thoughts to stimulate your further consideration.

1. Love is patient.

We are loving when we are willing to give up our time in consideration of someone else or to explain a math concept yet again.

2. Love is kind.

Sometimes we need to stop and evaluate whether it is real kindness, or the easy way out, when we fail to lovingly confront a problem with a loved one or discipline our children.

3. Love does not envy.

We might not recognize it as such when we envy another home schooler who apparently has it all together when we feel that we do not.

4. Love does not brag.

It is sometimes a fine line between affirming the benefits of home schooling and bragging.

5. Love is not arrogant.

This might be a temptation when we are standing up for our rights or what we think is right.

6. Love does not act unbecomingly.

A test for this one might be: would we act and talk the same way to our family if a friend were present?

7. Love does not seek his/her own.

Selflessness is a true badge of love. This is not the world's way, but God will reward us for it.

8. Love is not easily provoked.

If we find ourselves taking everything the wrong way, it's time to realize that we need love "to cover a multitude of sins."

9. Love thinks no evil.

Give others the benefit of the doubt and don't jump to the worst conclusion. Don't hold a grudge or remember past wrongs.

10. Love does not rejoice in iniquity.

The failure of public education should make us sympathize with those harmed, not rejoice that the schools are so bad.

11. Love rejoices in the truth.

We should be happy when justice is done.

12. Love bears and endures all things.

Yes, life is hard, but love enables us to bear wrongs against us, even by those we love.

13. Love believes and hopes all things.

Oh, the many mothers who have never given up on their families, but have prayed and believed, and hoped that they would follow the Lord!

How can we attain these wonderful characteristics of love?

The Holy Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self- control in the lives of those who abide in Him (Galatians 5:22, 23).