



Love Illuminated – Pt. 2
The Definition of Love

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1. Real love comes from _____.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT), “⁴Love is **patient** and **kind**. Love is not **jealous** or **boastful** or **proud** ⁵or **rude**. It does not **demand** its own way. It is not **irritable**, and it keeps **no record** of being wronged. ⁶It does not rejoice about **injustice** but rejoices whenever the **truth** wins out. ⁷Love **never gives up**, **never loses faith**, is **always hopeful**, and **endures** through every circumstance.”

1 John 4:7-10 (NLT), “⁷Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for **love (agape) comes from God**. Anyone who loves is a child of God and **knows God**. ⁸But anyone who does not love **does not know God**, for **God is love (agape)**. ⁹**God showed how much he loved us** by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. ¹⁰**This is real love (agape)** – not that we loved God, but that he loved us and **sent his Son** as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

2. Real love does not _____ with others.

1 Corinthians 13:4 (NLT), “Love is **patient** and **kind**. Love is not **jealous** or **boastful** or **proud**.”

James 3:16 (NIV), “For where you have **envy** and **selfish ambition**, there you find **disorder** and **every evil practice**.”

Jude 1:16 says (NIV), “These people are **grumblers** and **faultfinders**; they follow their **own evil** desires; they **boast** about themselves and **flatter** others for their **own advantage**.”

3. Real love doesn't act like a _____.

1 Corinthians 13:5a (NLT), “Love is not **rude**. It doesn't demand its **own way**.”

Titus 3:2 (ESV), “Speak evil of no one, to **avoid quarreling**, to be **gentle**, and to show **perfect courtesy** toward all people.”

Philippians 2:3-4, “Do nothing out of **selfish ambition** or **vain conceit**. Rather, in **humility** value others **above** yourselves, **4** not looking to your **own interests** but each of you to the **interests of the others**.”

4. Real love refuses to be _____.

1 Corinthians 13:5b says, (NLT), “It is not **irritable**, and it keeps **no record** of being wronged.”

Proverbs 14:29 (NLT), “People with understanding **control their anger**; a **hot temper** shows great **foolishness**.”

1 Peter 4:8 (NIV), “Above all, love each other deeply, because **love covers over a multitude of sins**.”

Proverbs 19:11 (NLT-NIV), “Sensible people **control their temper**; it is to one's glory to **overlook an offense**.”

5. Real love doesn't _____ evil.

1 Corinthians 13:6 (NASB), “⁶Love does not rejoice in **unrighteousness**.”

Proverbs 8:13 (NLT), “All who fear the Lord will **hate evil**. Therefore, I **hate pride and arrogance, corruption and perverse speech**.”

Romans 12:9 (NLT), “Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. **Hate what is wrong**. Hold tightly to what is good.”