

LIVING THE LIFE OF LOVE-PART 2

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1Corinthians 13:4-KJV

Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not...

Agape is a love that isn't based on response but on a decision to keep on loving, regardless of a recipient's response or lack of response.

1. Charity...*suffereth long...the word makro-thumia, which pictures...the patient restraint of anger and therefore longsuffering.*

Romans 2:4-NLT

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, **tolerant, and patient** ***God is with you?*** Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that His kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

Passion - ...Don't mistake his **tolerance for acceptance**. Do you realize that all the wealth of his extravagant kindness is meant to melt your heart and lead you into repentance?

Colossians 3:13-ESV

13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

2. Charity...is kind...*chresteuomai*, which means... ***to be adaptable or compliant to the needs of others.***

Galatians 5:13-GNB

...But do not let this freedom become an excuse for letting your physical desires control you. **Instead, let love make you serve one another.**

Ephesians 5:21-ERV

21 Be willing to **serve each other out of respect** for Christ.

3. Charity [agape love] *envieth not...zelos...which portrays a person who is radically consumed with his own desires and plans.*

Philippians 2:4-Passion

4 Abandon every display of selfishness. Possess a greater **concern for what matters to your friends** instead of ***your own interests.***