

**March 1, 2020**

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

In reading this passage, I know that I have not always expressed love to my neighbor nor have I been tolerant, nor patient. I need to love more as God did. In dire times and faced with the everyday challenges of life, I allow life to get in the way by trying to rely on my own "strengths: to overcome those obstacles.

When we step out towards overcoming evil with good, love becomes kind, and soft, it does not condemn anyone; not does it cause us to act or behave in a violent, headstrong manner. Love humbles our soul. When we express our love, God's love, is not offensive, but it becomes suitable to the time, the person and in all circumstances. When we think with love in our hearts, even when outward provocations occur, and they will, He will triumph. Love should cover all of our acts, words and deeds, especially our words. If we love our neighbor, we should be far from envying their welfare, or being displeased with it, that we should share in it and rejoice in it. God will be with us in this celebration of love, for this is the proper effect of kindness and benevolence.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank you for your never ending love and grace. Help us to walk as you did, always showing love to our neighbor in all circumstances. Teach us to pray with agape love towards all.  
Amen

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