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# Summer of Love

A Study of 1 Corinthians 13



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# Love: What It's Not

Love is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs.

1 Cor. 13:5-6

# 1. Slays the Savage

Love is not rude - 1 Cor. 13:5

# Saul

“Now Saul was still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest and requested letters from him to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any men or women who belonged to the Way, he might bring them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he traveled and was nearing Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. Falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’”

Acts 9:1-4

# Saul

“Saul was with the disciples in Damascus for some time. Immediately he began proclaiming Jesus in the synagogues: ‘He is the Son of God.’ All who heard him were astounded and said, ‘Isn’t this the man in Jerusalem who was causing havoc for those who called on this name and came here for the purpose of taking them as prisoners to the chief priests?’”

Acts 9:19b-21

## 2. Surrenders the Selfish

Love is not self-seeking – 1 Cor. 13:5

# King David

“In the spring when kings march out to war, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah, but David remained in Jerusalem.”

2 Samuel 11:1





“Some temptations  
come to the  
industrious, but all  
temptations attack  
the idle.”

- Charles Spurgeon



# King David

“The next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. In the letter he wrote: ‘Put Uriah at the front of the fiercest fighting, then withdraw from him so that he is struck down and dies.’”

2 Samuel 11:14-15

# King David

“When Uriah’s wife heard that her husband Uriah had died, she mourned for him. When the time of mourning ended, David had her brought to his house. She became his wife and bore him a son. However, the Lord considered what David did to be evil.”

2 Samuel 11:26-27

# King David

“Save me from the guilt of bloodshed, God – God of my salvation – and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not want a sacrifice or I would give it; you are not pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifice pleasing to God is a broken spirit. You will not despise a broken and humbled heart, God.”

Psalm 51:14-17

# 3. Soothes the Short- Tempered

Love is not irritable – 1 Cor. 13:5



# Samson

## Samson and the Philistine Woman

- Samson Demands His Parents Get the Woman for Him
- Samson Refuses to Listen to His Parent's Wisdom
- Samson Believes Himself to Have the Right Answer Even Before Listening to the Question
- Samson killed men of Ashkelon and Lost this Woman
- Samson and the Three Hundred Foxes
- The Thousand Men with the Jawbone of a Donkey

# Samson

## Samson and the Woman at Gaza

- The Lord had Refreshed Samson Just Before
- Samson Turns from the Lord's Provisions and Seeks His Own
- His Anger Disrupts a City, Disturbs the Peace, and Deepens His Desires for Unrighteousness
- The anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God  
– James 1:20

# Samson

## Samson and Delilah

- Nagged Him Until Samson Lost Control
- Lied to Delilah Again and Again
- “But he did not know that the Lord had left him.” Judges 16:20b
- Lost His Sight, His Strength, and His Anointing

## 4. Sweeps the Series

Love keeps no record of wrongs  
– 1 Cor. 13:5



# Euodia & Syntyche

”I urge Euodia and Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I also ask you, true partner, to help these women who have contended for the gospel at my side, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, Rejoice! Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.”

Philippians 4:2-5

## 5. Seeks Joy in Christ

Love finds no joy in  
unrighteousness but  
rejoices in the truth.

1 Cor. 13:6

“Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith. For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Hebrews 12:1-2

“Pursue peace with everyone,  
and holiness – without it no one  
will see the Lord.”

Hebrews 12:14

