

## 1 Cor 13:4-7

*Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

Week three, and our final week in our daily devotional series on love. For our eleventh thing we will look at concerning love, is something that love does do.

### *Love rejoices in the truth*

Last week we ended with love not *rejoice in iniquity*, which we learned was love not rejoicing in sin or causing someone to sin. But real love *rejoices in the truth*, which would mean that it stops or doesn't even start sinning against another.

Say you are engaged to someone, and before you get married, you are alone with the one you are going to marry and start to get a little carried away with each other. But then you both decided to stop, because you love each other and know that the path you are heading on would be wrong. Sure you could have continued and ended up in sin, but that would not have been love for one another.

But there is also another part to love rejoicing in the truth. Suppose you had a green spinach leaf stuck between your teeth and it looked terrible. Would your spouse or the person you are dating tell you about it or let you walk around looking like an idiot? No, he or she would tell you the truth.

If your spouse or person you are dating is in sin, should you keep quiet about it, or tell the him or her about their sin? Out of love you should be able to tell the other about their sin, and I do mean out of love, because we can be harsh and judgmental if we are not careful. Remember what Jesus said?

† **Matt 7:1-5** *Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

Maybe you are both in sin, maybe you both like to go out and party and get drunk on weekends? If this is the case, you should be able to say, in love, WE have a problem and WE need to get right with God and each other on this problem.

To *rejoice in the truth* is to live and be happy with what God's word says. If you are unhappy because you can't have sex with your boyfriend or girlfriend then you are not rejoicing in the truth, because God tells us to wait. If you can't wait, and you do get married, what will be the next thing you can't wait on, divorce?

† **Mal 2:16** *"For the LORD God of Israel says  
That He hates divorce,  
For it covers one's garment with violence,"  
Says the LORD of hosts.  
"Therefore take heed to your spirit,  
That you do not deal treacherously."*

Let's all rejoice in this truth and ask God for help in our marriages and relationships!  
I know I need it, how about you?

† **John 8:31-32** *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*