

## 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.*

Our final week in our daily devotional series on love. For our twelfth thing we will look at concerning love, is something else that love does.

### *Love bears all things*

The word *bears* you could also think as “**endure**,” or “**patient**”.

In a marriage, you have both good times, as well as bad, or hard times. It seems the first year is always the hardest as you get used to one another. But real love is being patient with each other, despite your new spouses little flaws or faults. Even in friendships you can get on each other’s nerves once in a while, yet you remain friends because of that love for one another.

I remember one of my best friends in Calif. who has a weight problem, and with this comes what is called Sleep Apnea, where a person doesn’t get enough sleep at night and gets tired during the day. On top of this, he can snore big time when he sleeps, I’m talking shake the house and rattle the windows loud. When he used to come over, we would be talking and sometimes he would fall asleep right there in the chair or sofa. I knew his problem so I let him sleep. But then the snoring would start and it would drive me crazy, yet I put up with it because I knew his medical issue and I cared for him as my best friend.

If you are married, I think you could probably tell others things about your spouse that you don’t really care for or like, and I’m sure that he or she could probably tell things about you as well. But you put up with these little things because you love each other. Now if it is something really bad or sinful, then you should be able to tell the other person in love, as we learned about in yesterdays devotional on *rejoicing in the truth*. But real love looks past those little faults and sees the good in the other person. How about an example from the bible, from Jesus Himself.

† **John 8:10-11** *When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."*

We all know the story of the woman caught in adultery, and this is the end of this particular story, where Jesus is demonstrating love to her by not accusing her, but seeing past her past, and seeing what she is capable of in the future.

Jesus could have condemned her, yet He chooses not to. I'm sure you can find faults in your spouse or friend that you can condemn them for as well. But remember that Jesus looked past this woman's faults, and He looked past yours and mine as well. The bible does not tell us what happen to her after that, but I bet she became a changed woman because of Jesus' words of love.

As believers, shouldn't we demonstrate that type of love to others, especially to those we are married to or are in a relationship with? Remember that we all have our faults, but something also to think about is; are you trying to change someone to be what you want him or her to be? By doing so, you are not allowing him or her be who they are, and what God want's them to be.

So, let the light of Jesus' love shine through you. Into your marriage, and your friendships. Remembering that with that light and love of Jesus, is how we can ***bears all things!***

† ***John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."***