

## 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.*

Starting week two in our three week daily devotional series on Love, for our sixth thing we will look at concerning love, is something else that love does not do.

### *Love does not behave rudely*

When you think of rude, what do you think of?

Maybe someone cutting ahead of you in line at the grocery store, or taking your parking space that you were waiting for in the parking lot?

Maybe it's someone cutting you off on the freeway?

Or it could be someone who says something bad about, or to you?

These are a few examples of behaving rudely, and the opposite of rude would be polite. It would be letting someone go ahead of you in line at the grocery store or offering them that parking spot. It would be slowing down and letting that person get in front of you on the freeway.

But what about that last one? Maybe it's someone who says something bad about you or to you. How can you be polite in this?

Sad to say, but most often it is us doing this and not someone else.

How so? We are quick to get angry with someone, and whisper under our breath a little snide remark about them. It's usually so faint that the other person can't make out what you said and they ask you to repeat it and you just say, "*forget about it*". But they don't because they know that what you had to say was not something good or you would have repeated it to them.

Jesus was being beaten and crucified for something He didn't do; yet the bible says:

† ***Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted,  
Yet He opened not His mouth;  
He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,  
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent,  
So He opened not His mouth.***

How many things could have Jesus said about each one of those who condemned and crucified Him to show how bad they really were, and they would have been true? Yet, what did Jesus tell the Father about them?

† **Luke 23:34** *Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.*

Love does not look for the faults in people, love looks past the faults and treat others with kindness (which we saw in day 2). Jesus' kindness was actually to pray for them, and not a "God get em" prayer, but to forgive them. What's even harder is that they heard Jesus say that from the cross, and what was their response? ***And they divided His garments and cast lots.***

In our series on love, it's not teaching how others will always be loving and kind to you because of how you show your love to him or her, because as we just read, it does not always happen, but that doesn't mean we stop loving others.

Yet, do not give up on your unbelieving spouse or friend because; ***For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife? 1 Corinthians 7:16***

In heaven you and your spouse or friend will be there for all eternity. Would you run up to God and tell Him about all the bad things he or she has done, or would you want to tell God about the good they have done?

So if you wouldn't treat someone rudely in front of God in heaven, why are you doing it in front of God here on this earth?

† **Ephesians 5:25-27** *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.*