

PERSONAL REFLECTION FOR QUIET TIME

HOW'S YOUR LOVE LIFE?

"The Message", a modern translation of the bible written by Eugene Peterson, gives us a great paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

*"Love never gives up.
Love cares more for others than for self.
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.
Love doesn't strut,
Doesn't have a swelled head,
Doesn't force itself on others,
Isn't always 'me first',
Doesn't fly off the handle,
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn't revel when others grovel,
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with anything,
Trusts God always,
Always looks for the best,
Never looks back,
But keeps going to the end."*

CONSIDERING THE ABOVE PASSAGE, MEDITATE ON THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS. HOW ARE THEY REFLECTED IN YOUR LIFE?

- 1. I am patient.*
- 2. I am kind.*
- 3. I am not jealous.*
- 4. I do not brag.*
- 5. I am not arrogant.*
- 6. I do not act unbecomingly.*
- 7. I do not seek my own way.*
- 8. I am not easily provoked.*
- 9. I do not take into account a wrong suffered.*
- 10. I do not rejoice in unrighteousness.*
- 11. I bear all things.*

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Henry Blackaby said, "If you have an obedience problem, you have a love problem."

Do you have a love problem?

Refresh yourself on I Corinthians 13:1-8 Based on your answers from Saturday, ask yourself these questions:

How's my love life?

Can others see Christ in me?

When faced with choices am I usually seeking His way or my own way?

Do you really want to love Christ more than yourself?