

LOVE LETS IT GO
40 Days Of Love – Part 4
October 25, 2009
I Corinthians 13: 5

FOUR MARKS OF REAL LOVE

LOVE IS NOT RUDE. So...

1. I Must Be Tactful, Not Just Truthful

“Answering before listening is both dumb and rude.” Proverbs 18:13 (Mess)

“Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don’t yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. Instead be kind and merciful, and forgiving others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.” Ephesians 4:31-32 (CEV)

“A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.” Proverbs 16:21 (TEV)

LOVE DOES NOT DEMAND ITS OWN WAY. So...

2. I Must Be Understanding, not Demanding

*“Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus has. Though He was God, He did not demand and cling to His rights as God. He made Himself nothing, He took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form.”
Philippians 2: 5-7 (NLT)*

“Believers shouldn’t curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone.” Titus 3: 2 (GW)

LOVE IS NOT IRRITABLE. So...

3. I Must Be Gentle, not Judgmental

“Brothers and sisters, if someone in your group does something wrong, you who are spiritual should go to that person and gently help make him right again. But be careful, because you might be tempted to sin, too.” Galatians 6: 1 (NCV)

“Each of us, will give an account of himself to God. Therefore, let us stop passing judgment on each other.” Romans 14: 12-13 (NIV)

*“Gentle words bring life and health; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.”
Proverbs 15: 4 (NLT)*

LOVE KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS. So...

4. I Don't Repeat it, I Delete It.

"Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop, leave it, and let it go, in order that your Father who is in heaven may also forgive you your own failings and shortcomings and let them drop."

Mark 11:25 (Amp)

"Hate stirs up trouble, but love forgives all offenses." Proverbs 10: 123 (TEV)

"You are only hurting yourself with your anger." Job 18:4 (TEV)