

Expanded interpretive translation of ICor. 13:4-8

LOVE...

**I patiently and passionately bears with others
for as long as patience is needed;**

**I do not demand others to be like me; rather I am so focused
on the needs of others that I bend over backwards
to become what others need me to be.**

**I am not ambitious, self-centered, or so consumed with myself that I never think of the
needs or desires that others possess.**

**I do not go around talking about myself all the time, constantly exaggerating and
embellishing the facts to make myself look more important in the sight of others;**

**I do not behave in a prideful, arrogant, haughty, superior,
snooty, snobbish or clannish manner;**

**I am not rude and discourteous-I am not careless or thoughtless, nor do I carry on in a
fashion**

that would be considered insensitive to others;

**I do not manipulate situations or scheme and devise methods that will twist situations
to my own advantage;**

**I do not deliberately engage in actions or speak words that are so sharp, they cause an
ugly or violent response;**

I do not deliberately keep records of wrongs or past mistakes;

**I do not feel overjoyed when I see an injustice done
to someone else but I am elated, thrilled ecstatic
and overjoyed with the truth;**

**I protect, shield, guard, cover, conceals and safeguard
people from exposure;**

**I strain forward with all my might to believe
the very best in every situation;**

**I always expects and anticipate the best in others
and the best for others;**

I never quit, never surrender and never give up.

1. The suffering of afflictions, pain, toil, calamity, provocation or other evil, with a calm, unruffled temper; endurance without murmuring or fretfulness.
Patience may spring from Christian submission to the divine will of God.
2. A calm temper which bears wrongs without murmuring or discontent.
3. The act or quality of waiting long for justice or expected good without discontent.
4. Perseverance; constancy in labor or exertion.
5. The quality of bearing offenses and injuries without anger or revenge.
6. Quiet steady perseverance, even tempered care
7. An ability or willingness to suppress restlessness or annoyance when confronted with delay.