

FOUR MARKS OF REAL LOVE

40 Days of Love – Week 4 – August 8, 2010

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40 Days of Love Week 4 Memory Verse - 1Corinthians 13:5 (love is not) rude, Love isn't selfish or quick tempered. It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do.

4 MARKS OF REAL LOVE

1 – Love Is Not Rude, so...

I Must Be _____

- † Proverbs 18:13 (Message) Answering before listening is both stupid and rude.”
- † Ephesians 4:31-32 (CEV) 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 forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.
- † Proverbs 16:21 (TEV) A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.

I'm never persuasive when I'm abrasive.

I don't get my point across when I am cross.

2 – Love Does Not Demand Its Own Way, So...

I Must Be _____ – Not _____

- † Philippians 2:5-7 (NLT) Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. 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.
- † Titus 3:2 (GW) Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone.
- † Proverbs 19:11 (NIV) A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.
- † Luke 6:31 (NIV) Do to others as you would have them do to you.

3 – Love Is Not Irritable, So...

I Must Be _____ and Not _____

- † Galatians 6:1 (NCV) 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.
- † Colossians 3:13 (NIV) Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
- † Romans 14:12-13 (NIV) Each of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore, let us stop passing judgment on each other.

4 – Love Keeps No Record Of Wrongs, So ...

I Must _____ – Don't Repeat It, Delete It

- † Proverbs 17:9 (Living Bible) Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends.
- † Mark 11:25 (Amp) 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.”
- † Proverbs 10:12 (TEV) Hate stirs up trouble, [if you want to keep trouble in your life, just keep hate in your life] but love forgives all offenses.
- † Proverbs 19:11 (AMP) He who covers *and* forgives an offense seeks love, but he who repeats *or* harps on a matter separates even close friends.
- † Job 18:4 (TEV) You are only hurting yourself with your anger.