



# 1 CORINTHIANS

SINNERS *made* SAINTS



What strips  
us of the  
Power of our  
Spiritual  
Gifts?

1 Corinthians 13: 1 (NASB)

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*If I speak with the tongues of mankind and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.*

1 Corinthians 13: 2 (NASB)

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*If I have the gift of prophecy  
and know all mysteries and  
all knowledge, and if I have all  
faith so as to remove  
mountains, but do not have  
love, I am nothing.*



Just as cutting the hair from Samson took away the power of the Gift God had given him, removing love strips us of the Power of our Gifts God has given us!



What is the  
purpose of  
our Spiritual  
Gifts?



Paul now  
goes  
even  
deeper!

# 1 Corinthians 13: 3 (NASB)

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*And if I give away all my possessions to charity, and if I surrender my body so that I may glory, but do not have love, it does me no good.*





What  
does it  
mean to  
surrender  
your  
body?

# 1 Corinthians 13: 3 (NASB)

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*If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.*



Why do our  
Spiritual Gifts  
become  
powerless  
without  
love?

# 1 John 4: 16

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Theos agapē estin

So we have come  
to know and  
to believe the love  
that God has for us.

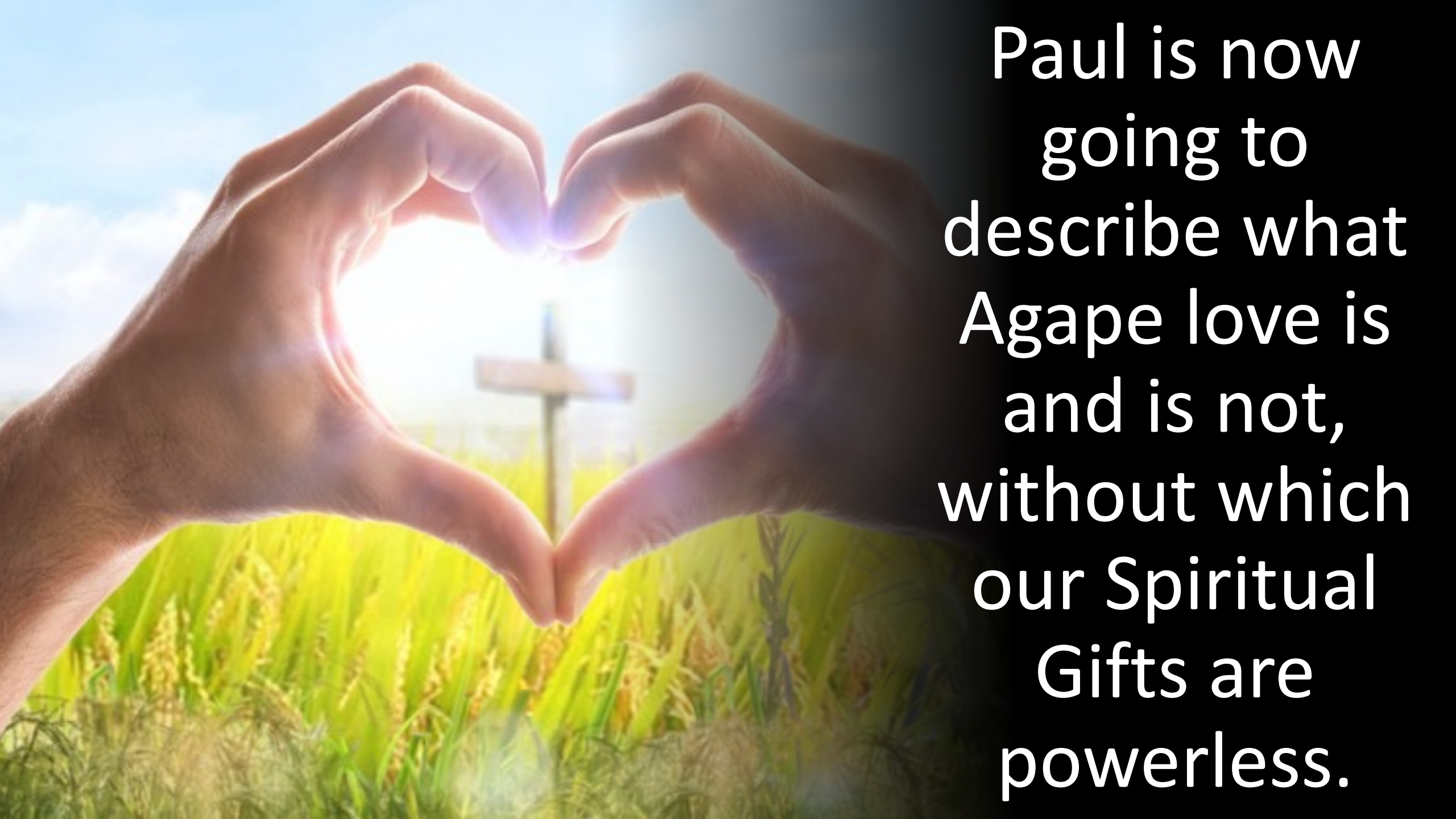
God is love,

and whoever abides in  
love abides in God,  
and God abides in him.

1John 4: 16



What type  
of Love is  
Paul  
talking  
about?



Paul is now  
going to  
describe what  
Agape love is  
and is not,  
without which  
our Spiritual  
Gifts are  
powerless.

# 1 Corinthians 13: 4 (NASB)

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*Love is patient, love is kind,  
it is not jealous; love does not  
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*Love Is...*

*A Study of  
1 Cor. 13*

What does  
the phrase  
*“Love is  
Patient”*  
mean to  
you?

# Patient

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Greek: akrothumeó

Compound word

from makros and thumos

Definition: to persevere, to be  
patient

The literal sense of the term is  
*"extending a long time"*

# Patient

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This love is patient and silent under pressure, even though you have been wronged. This love refuses to seek retribution, although justified to do so.

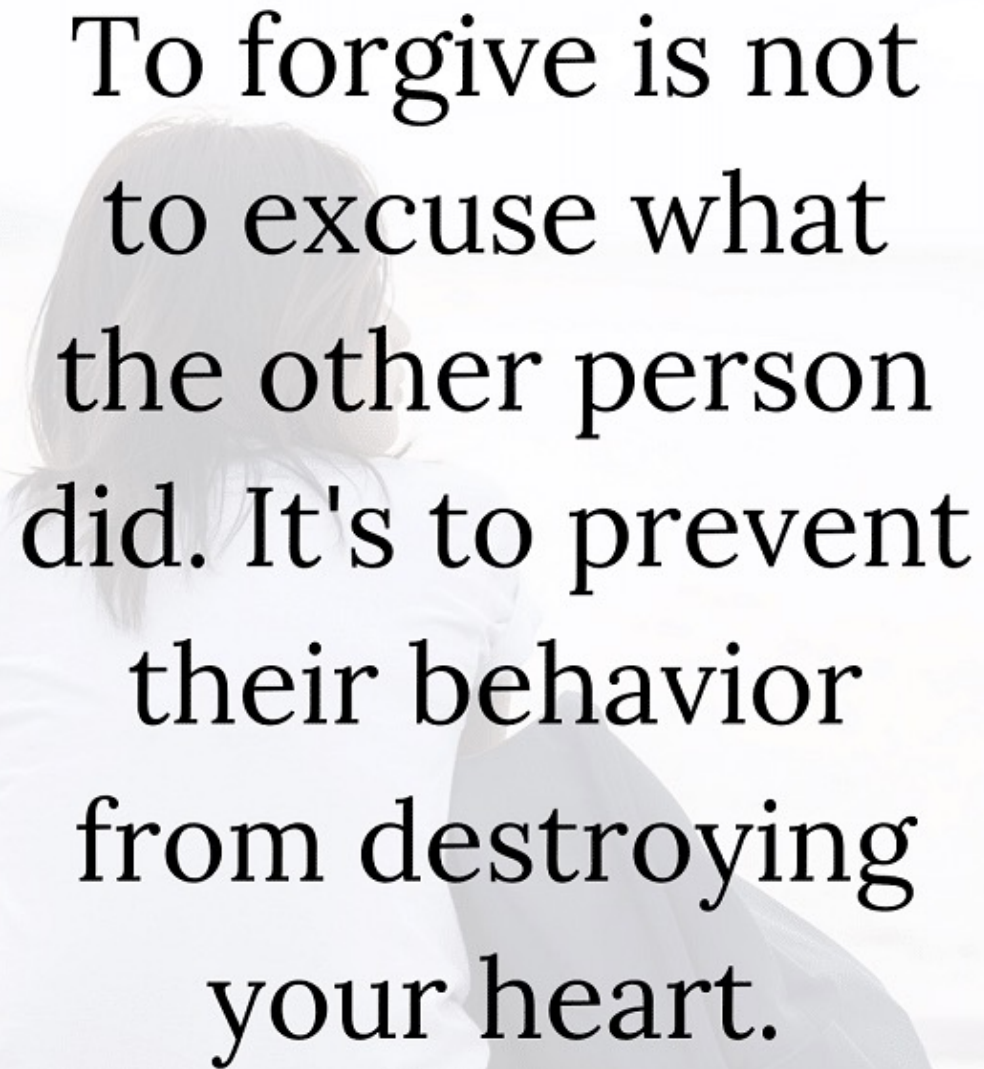


# Patient

This love is describing loving someone who has waged a hurtful and prolonged attack against you personally, and yet you respond with love and grace.



How do we  
typically  
respond when  
we are  
mistreated or  
treated unfairly  
by someone?



To forgive is not  
to excuse what  
the other person  
did. It's to prevent  
their behavior  
from destroying  
your heart.

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By Mayo Clinic Staff

Who hasn't been hurt by the actions or words of another? Perhaps a parent constantly criticized you growing up, a colleague sabotaged a project or your partner had an affair. Or maybe you've had a traumatic experience, such as being physically or emotionally abused by someone close to you.

These wounds can leave you with lasting feelings of anger and bitterness — even vengeance.

But if you don't practice forgiveness, you might be the one who pays most dearly. By embracing forgiveness, you can also embrace peace, hope, gratitude and joy. Consider how forgiveness can lead you down the path of physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

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the phrase  
*"Love is Kind"*  
mean to you?

Kind



Greek: chrēsteuetai

Definition: kind, full of service  
to others, gentle

# Kindness



Has a powerful impact on those  
shown kindness.

Can you think  
of a time  
someone  
showed  
kindness to  
you?





Please turn to:  
John 13

## John 13: 1-5 (NIV)

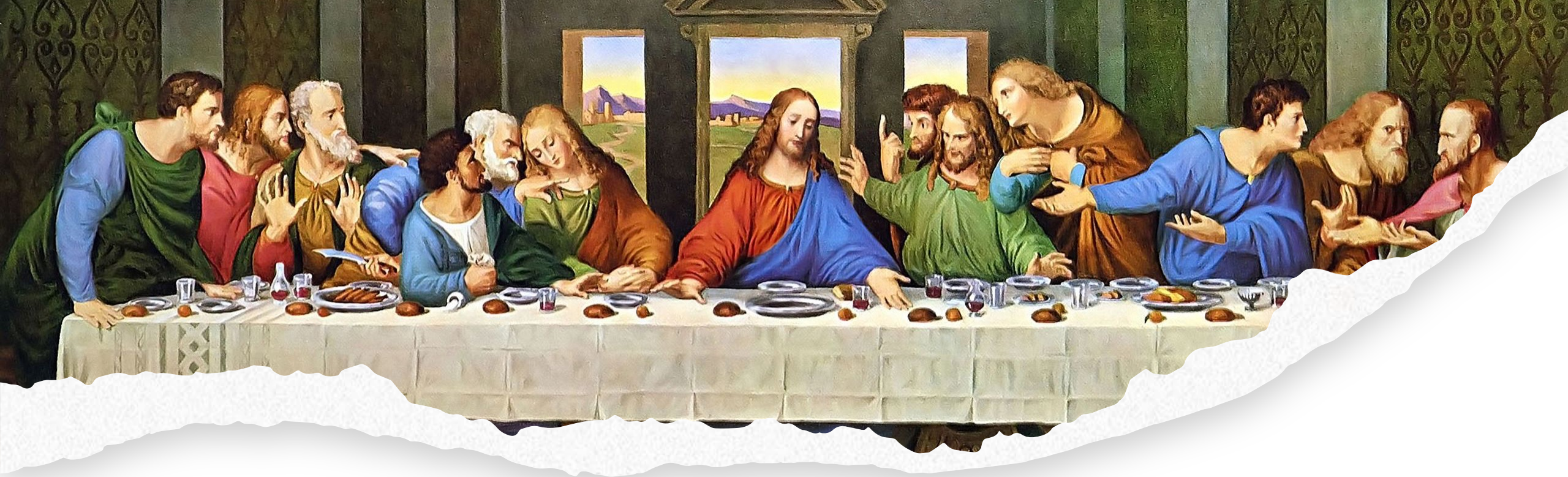
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*It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.*

## John 13: 1-5 (NIV)

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*The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.*



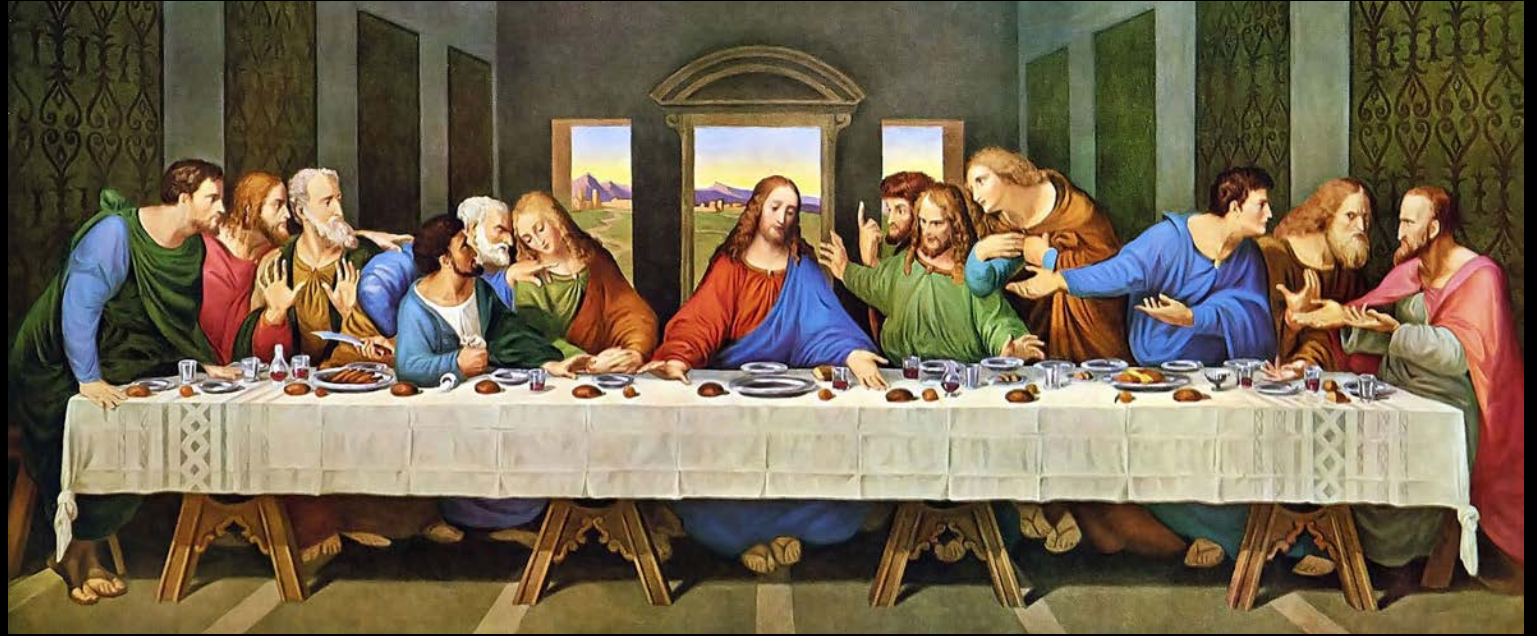
Was Judas there?



John 13: 1-5 (NIV)

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*Jesus knew that the Father had  
put all things under his  
power, and that he had come  
from God and was returning to  
God;*



Who was Jesus  
focused on?

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# John 13: 1-5 (NIV)

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*so he got up from the meal,  
took off his outer clothing, and  
wrapped a towel around his  
waist.*

## John 13: 1-5 (NIV)

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*After that, he poured water  
into a basin and began to  
wash his disciples' feet, drying  
them with the towel that was  
wrapped around him.*



What do the following require?

- Getting up
- Taking off outer garments
- Wrapping a towel around His waist
- Pouring water
- Washing feet
- Drying feet



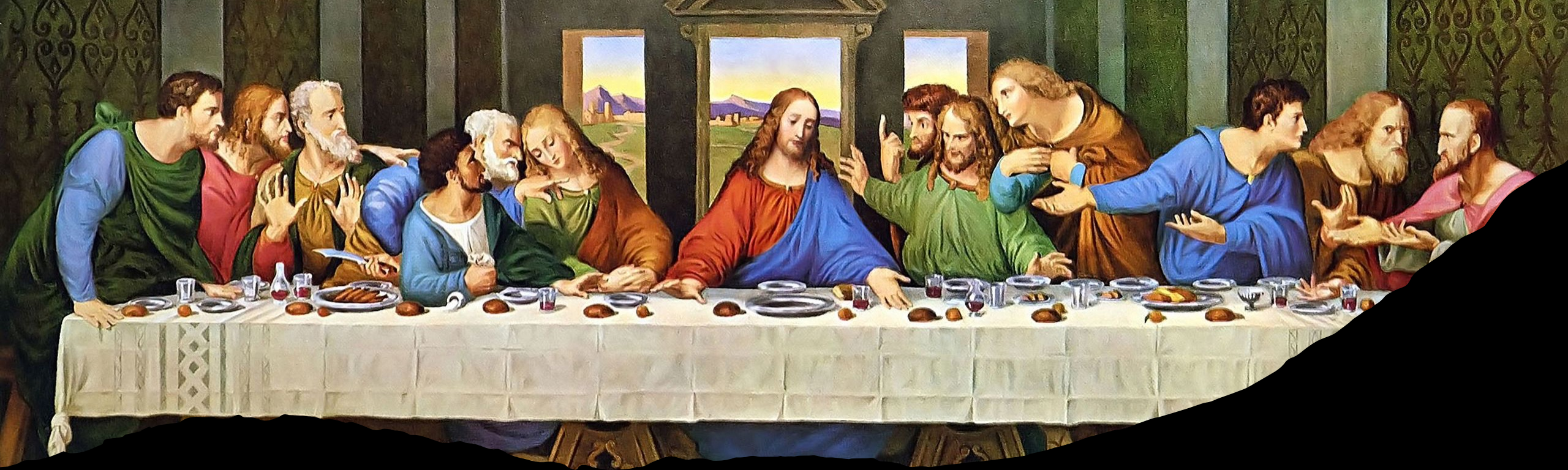
Kindness  
requires  
action!

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John 13: 12 (NIV)

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*When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. “Do you understand what I have done for you?” he asked them.*



Was Judas there?





Why did Jesus wash their feet, including the feet of Judas?

# THE AUTHORITY OF

# JESUS

What roles are Teacher and Lord?



John 13: 12 (NIV)

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*“You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord,’ and rightly so, for that is what I am.”*

John 13: 12 (NIV)

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*Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.*



Who is the  
Judas in  
your life?



Why is  
showing  
Kindness  
sometimes  
hard to  
do?

# Kindness



Kindness can make you  
vulnerable!

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What is  
Jealousy?


# Jealousy

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Greek: zéloó

Definition:

An onomatopoeic word, imitating the sound of boiling water. A bubbling or burning desire to keep something to yourself or for something another person possesses.



Where does  
jealousy  
originate?



# James 3: 15 (NLT)

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*For jealousy and selfishness are not God's kind of wisdom. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.*



What  
does  
jealousy  
lead to?



# James 3: 14 (NLT)

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*But if you are bitterly jealous  
and there is selfish ambition in  
your heart, don't cover up the  
truth with boasting and lying.*



James 3: 16 (NLT)

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*For wherever there is jealousy  
and selfish ambition, there you  
will find disorder and evil of  
every kind.*



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Jealousy is a form  
of bondage that  
leads to disorder,  
evil and bitterness.

JEALOUSY



Who are you  
focused on  
when  
jealousy  
strikes?



Can jealousy  
and Love  
exist  
together?

# 1 Corinthians 13: 4 (NASB)

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What is  
bragging?

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# Bragging

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Greek: *perpereúomai* (from *perperos*, "a braggart")

Definition: to brag, to show off,  
one who needs too much  
attention

What does  
bragging  
lead to?





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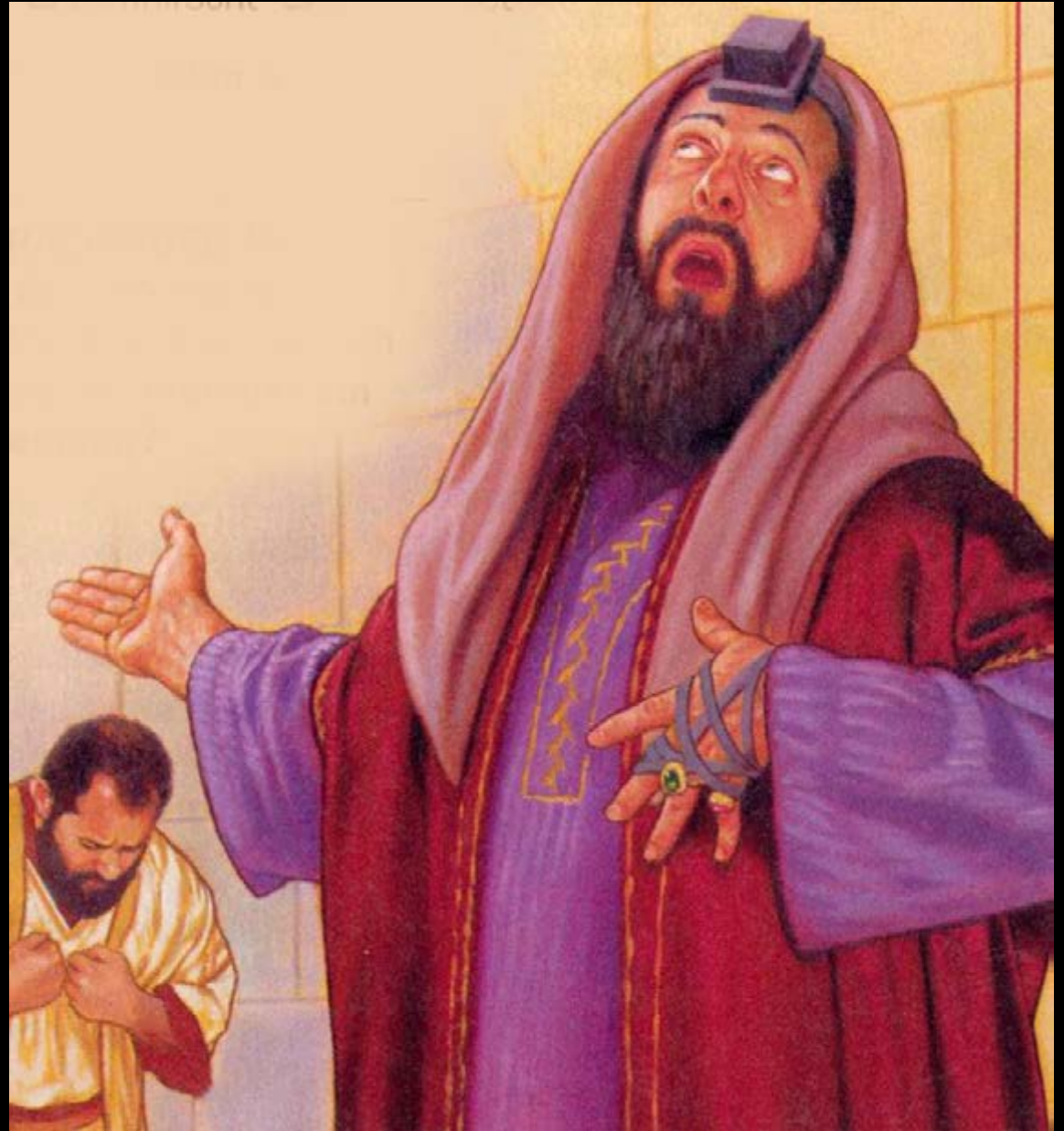
# Arrogant

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Greek: *physiōō* (from *physa*,  
"air-bellows")

Definition: inflate by blowing;  
swelled up, an egotistical  
person spuing out arrogant  
("puffed-up") thoughts.

Where is  
the heart of  
an arrogant  
person  
focused?





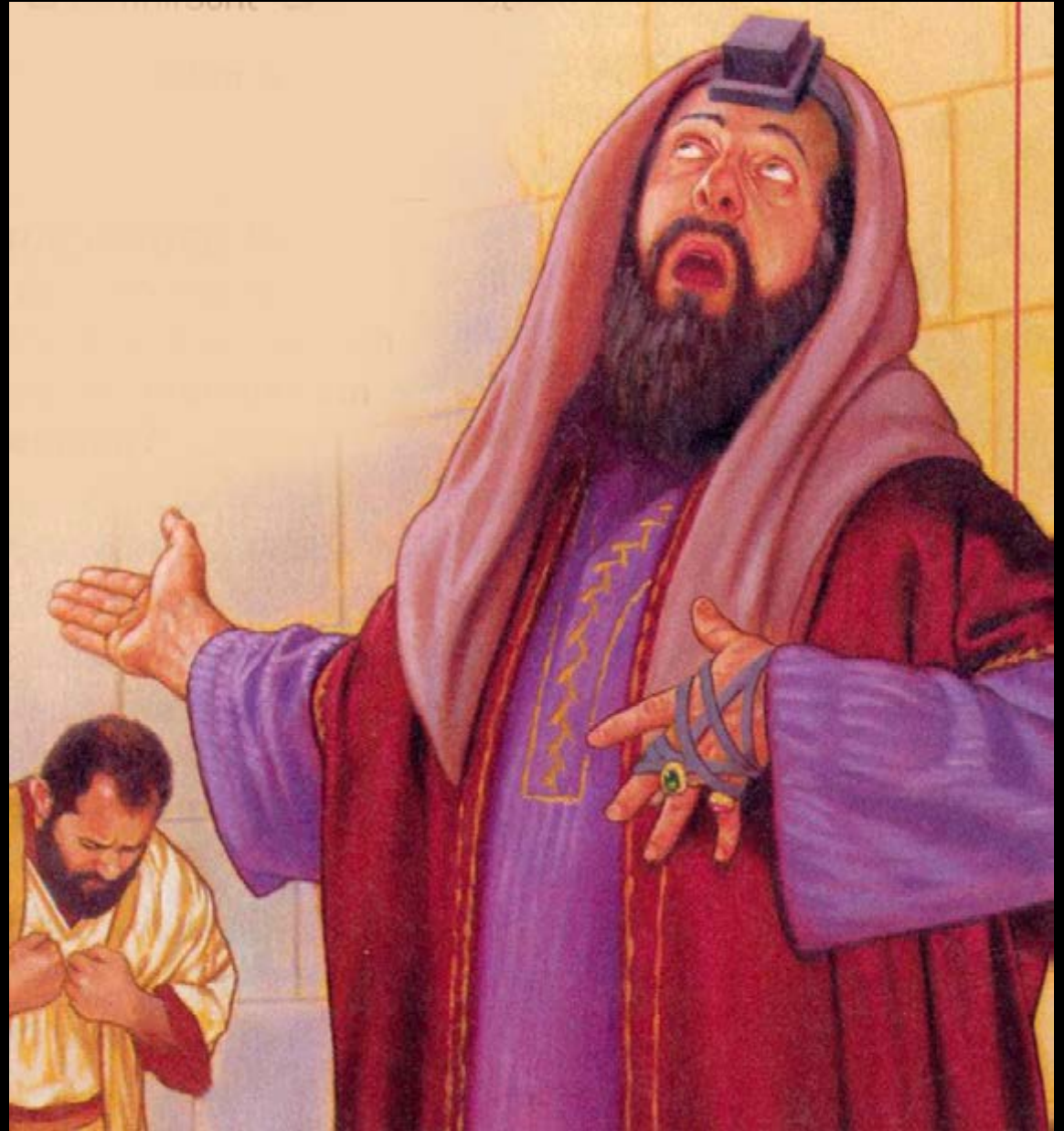
Please turn to:  
Luke 18: 9-14

Luke 18: 9-14 (NIV)

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*To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable:*

Who is  
Jesus telling  
this parable  
to?



Luke 18: 9-14 (NIV)

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**To some who were confident of  
their own righteousness and  
looked down on everyone  
else, Jesus told this parable:**

Luke 18: 9-14 (NIV)

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*“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.”*



Luke 18: 9-14 (NIV)

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*The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'*

Luke 18: 9-14 (NIV)

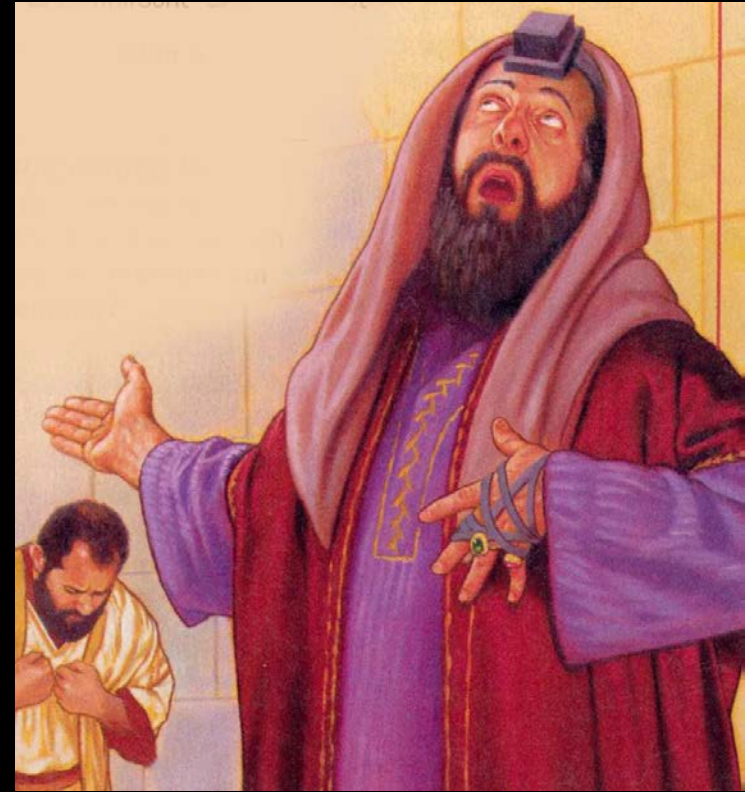
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*“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’”*

Luke 18: 9-14 (NIV)

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*“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*



Can Agape love and  
arrogance exist together?

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1 Corinthians 13: 5 (NIV)

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**It does not dishonor others, it  
is not self-seeking, it is not  
easily angered, it keeps no  
record of wrongs.**

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What does  
it mean to  
dishonor  
others?

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Dishonor others

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Greek: aschémonéó  
(as-kay-mon-eh'-o)

Definition: to act  
unbecomingly, to act rudely, to  
act improperly, to dishonor.



**RUDENESS IS THE  
WEAK MAN'S  
IMITATION OF  
STRENGTH.**

Why are  
people  
rude?

**RUDENESS IS THE  
WEAK MAN'S  
IMITATION OF  
STRENGTH.**

What does a  
rude person  
want?

# 1 Corinthians 13: 5 (NIV)

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*It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

What does  
it mean to  
be self-  
seeking?

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# Self-Seeking

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the things

of its own

# 1 Corinthians 13: 5 (NLT)

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*or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.*



Have you  
ever been  
around  
someone  
that  
demands  
their way?

# Can Agape love and self-seeking exist together?

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# 1 Corinthians 13: 5 (NIV)

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*It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.*

What does  
it mean to  
be easily  
angered?



*Love Is...*

*A Study of  
1 Cor. 13*

Angered

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Greek: paroxunó  
(par-ox-oo'-no)

Definition: to arouse anger, to  
provoke, to irritate.

Do you  
know  
anyone  
that looks  
like this?



When do  
you find  
yourself  
easily  
irritated?





Please turn to:  
Mark 6: 35-36

## Mark 6: 35-36 (NIV)

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*By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late."*

Mark 6: 35-36 (NIV)

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**Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”**



Alan Redpath;

There is perhaps nothing more disruptive and upsetting in a home than a bad disposition. The man or woman who is bitter and irritable is a foul presence in an otherwise comfortable setting. These are the people who seem to enjoy seeing others disrupted and made to be hurt. These are thin-skinned people who erupt into a volcanic spewing of harmful words fueled by a wicked heart.

A bad attitude  
is like a flat tire.

You can't go  
anywhere  
until you change it.

Can Agape love and a bad attitude exist together?

