



REALLOVE

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⁴ Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant, ⁵ does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*, ⁶ does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of prophecy*, they will be done away; if *there are tongues*, they will cease; if *there is knowledge*, it will be done away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part; ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. ¹³ But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1. Real love is the more excellent way of life.

And I show you a still more excellent way.

1 Cor. 12: 31

Real love is selfless, sacrificial acts for others.

2. Real love is the more excellent way in our relationships.

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- Romans 5:5 – God’s love poured out in our hearts.
- Gal. 5:22 – Fruit of the Spirit is love...
- Rom. 13:8 – Love of neighbor fulfills law.
- Gal. 5:14 – Law fulfilled in one word, love.
- John 13:35 – All men will know you are my disciples if you love one another.
- 1 John 4:21 – This is commandment, one who loves God should love his brother.

3. Real love is the more excellent way in our ministry

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patient, kind, does not envy, does not boast
is not proud, does not dishonor others
is not self seeking, not easily angered
keeps no record of wrongs, does not delight in evil
rejoices in the truth, always protects
always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres