"WHAT LOVE DOES" PART 2
1 Corinthians 13:5

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Who's the real you?

The Holy Spirit - our operating system

Love - the default mode of the Spirit

What love does not do

Love does not behave indecently or shamefully

The meaning of the word

The sensual culture of Corinth

Love does not insist in getting its own way

Love is not provoked

Love does not keep a record of wrongs

The meaning of the word

The implied imperative - forgiveness

Family Life Groups

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1. In verse 5a Paul is describing indecent or shameful speech and behavior, which would include such things as coarse joking, foul language, innuendo, and inappropriate gestures and touching.

> *How do all these things demean the people who are exposed to them? Why is this incompatible with love?*

2. Paul wrote to the Ephesians: "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity…for these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk, or coarse joking…" (5:3-4).

> *Will you evaluate your life, Monday through Friday, at work or with friends? Is there any hint of these things in your speech and behavior? How can you be set free from this?*

3. In verse 5b Paul says that love is not self-centered and egocentric. It doesn't have a "me-first," "what's-in-it-for-me," "I'm going to get the upper hand" kind of attitude.

> *Evaluate your life. Now think of what your spouse or siblings or closest friends and family members think about you. Are you others' centered? Do you put the needs and interests of others (all others) ahead of your own? If not, what is the remedy?*

4. In verse 5c Paul says that love is not provoked. Love has a thick skin. It doesn't get easily offended or easily hurt.

Evaluate your life in relation to this description of love. If you are easily offended or easily hurt what is the remedy for this?