

LOVE LETS IT GO

40 Days of Love - Part 4

"Love is not rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and loves keeps no record of when it has been wronged."
1 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT)

4 MARKS OF REAL LOVE

LOVE IS NOT RUDE. So...

1. I MUST BE TACTFUL, NOT JUST TRUTHFUL.

Answering before listening is both stupid and rude." Proverbs 18:13 (Mes)

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.
Ephesians 4:31-32 (CEV)

A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is. Proverbs 16:21 (TEV)

LOVE DOES NOT DEMAND ITS OWN WAY. So...

2. I MUST BE UNDERSTANDING, NOT DEMANDING.

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.
Philippians 2:5-7 (NLT)

Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone. Titus 3:2 (GW)

A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31 (NIV)

LOVE IS NOT IRRITABLE. So...

3. I MUST BE GENTLE NOT JUDGMENTAL.

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.
Galatians 6:1 (NCV)

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
Colossians 3:13 (NIV)

Each of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore, let us stop passing judgment on each other. Romans 14:12-13 (NIV)

Gentle words bring life and health; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.
Proverbs 15:4 (NLT)

If your boss is angry with you, don't quit! A quiet spirit can overcome even great mistakes. Ecclesiastes 10:4 (NLT)

LOVE KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS. So ...

4. YOU DON'T REPEAT IT, YOU DELETE IT.

Do not bear a grudge against others, but settle your differences with them, so that you will not commit a sin because of them. Leviticus 19:17 (TEV)

Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends.
Proverbs 17:9 (LB)

Gossip is spread by wicked people; they stir up trouble and break up friendships. Proverbs 16:28 (TEV)

"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." Mark 11:25 (Amp)

Hate stirs up trouble, but love forgives all offenses. Proverbs 10:12 (TEV)

When someone wrongs you, it is a great virtue to ignore it.
Proverbs 19:11 (TEV)

You are only hurting yourself with your anger. Job 18:4 (TEV)