

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. **2** If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. **3** If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Philippians 2:5-8

5Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: **6**Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, **7**but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Philippians 2:5

5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking

1. Other-centered love honors others

“There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations--these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit--immortal horrors or everlasting splendours.”

--C.S. Lewis

1 Corinthians 12:21-23

21The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don't need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don't need you!” **22**On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23**and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor.

2. Other-centered love is not self-seeking

Philippians 2:5

5Your attitude should be the same as that of
Christ Jesus

Philippians 2:1-4

1If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, **2**then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. **3**Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. **4**Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:9-11

9Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.