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Ten Pictures of Love - #2

1 Cor. 13:4-6 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Love is kind. The Greek term used here is *chrestementai* which means full of grace and useful - from the Greek word *charis* which means grace. It is the actual "doing" of love. What good would it be to talk about love but never show it? Paul had given examples of this in verses 1-3; If I speak in the languages of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 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 do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Jesus didn't just talk about love, He modeled it everywhere He went to everyone He met. He was continually meeting needs. Most people don't need to "hear" how much they are loved, but "shown" how much they are loved.

Kind also means with our words. The tongue can cut someone to pieces or it can encourage and build up someone. If you love someone, you will be kind with your words. More people have been injured by words than we can even imagine.

Dear Father, help me to put on the fruit of the Spirit of kindness. Kind in what I do and more importantly in the things I say. Help my words build up and not tear down. Help me to show people love with kind actions and kind words. I need Your help Lord. In Jesus Name, Amen