

a higher
LOVE
Never Gives Up

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WHAT IS A HIGHER LOVE?

"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends."

Corinthians 13:4-8a ESV

THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY:

- Love is to be _____, kind and _____; not selfish, rude or _____ on having its own way.

BEAR & _____ ALL THINGS:

- When life is unfair, we _____.

- We forgive _____.

Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:22 NIV

- It means we are _____.

The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?

1 Corinthians 6:7 NIV

- It endures _____ if necessary.

Luke 14 (story of the Prodigal Son)

BELIEVE AND _____ ALL THINGS:

- A higher love also believes and hopes that the other person _____.

LOVE NEVER ENDS:

- A higher love never _____ and never _____.

- A higher love also _____.

HOW DO I LOVE THEM?

LOVE THEM _____.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Romans 12:14-15 NIV

How will you love with your words?

1 Peter 3:8-9

LOVE THEM _____.

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

Romans 12:16 NIV

- Recognize the sin in _____, and God's _____.
- Recognize _____ in the conflict and take ownership of our own faults.
- Interact with them in humility, and try to put yourself _____.

Phil 2:2-3

LOVE THEM _____.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.

Romans 12:17 NIV

- Love with _____. Luke 6:27-36

LOVE THEM _____.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Romans 12:18-19 NIV

- Sometimes there is nothing else to do but _____ and _____.
- Recognize your _____.

On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:20-21 NIV