Modeling The Love Of God (Part 2) 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

We are studying 15 TRAITS that GOD SAYS are Qualities of His LOVE...

- 4. QUALITY #4: "LOVE DOES NOT PARADE ITSELF."
- BOASTING Causes DIVISION.
- BOASTING ALSO Blinds you to DANGER.
- BOASTING can ALSO <u>DECEIVE</u> you.
- Whatever you <u>Have</u>, whatever you <u>Can</u> do, whatever <u>Influence</u> you may have you have NO ROOM to <u>Brag</u> about it...it's a <u>GIFT</u> from God's hand.

5. QUALITY # 5: "LOVE IS NOT PUFFED UP."

- "Puffed Up" refers to **Being Conceited**, **Arrogant** & **PRIDEFUL**.
- PRIDE keeps us from <u>Recognizing</u> & <u>Addressing</u> our OWN <u>FAULTS</u>.
- PRIDE can ALSO make us look FOOLISH.
- In the <u>Lord's</u> Kingdom, Membership is <u>Granted</u>, NOT <u>Purchased</u>.
- God calls us to LOVE, NOT by being "Puffed up" or Prideful, but to Serve God & Love Others out of Gratitude for what's been done for YOU...

6. QUALITY #6: "LOVE IS NOT RUDE."

- "Rudeness" refers to behaving without Manners.
- To be RUDE is <u>DISRESPECTFUL</u>.
- To be **RUDE** also **DAMAGES** your **Testimony**.
- Displaying God's love makes a believer Polite, Respectful & Courteous toward others.
- Christian LOVE should AFFECT your Behavior.

QUALITY #7: "LOVE IS NOT <u>SELF-SEEKING</u>."

- Christian LOVE always <u>Puts</u> OTHERS <u>First</u>.
- As a Believer, you're still here to **REFLECT God' Love to OTHERS**. (Matthew 16:25)
- Jesus was Willing to do 3 <u>Things</u> to <u>Practice</u> the LOVE of God...(Philippians 2:5-8)
- Jesus was Willing to <u>SACRIFICE</u>.
- Jesus was Willing to <u>SERVE</u>.
- Jesus was Willing to <u>SUBMIT</u>.

• LOVE is NOT Just <u>Action</u>...LOVE is <u>SACRIFICIAL Action</u>.