



Week #2: It Does Not Envy, It Does Not Boast, It is Not Proud

1. Love is something we _____.

Love is patient, love is kind...

1 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)

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Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11 (NIV)

2. Love is something we _____.

*Two are better than one,
because they have a good return for their labor:*

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one can help the other up.*

*But pity anyone who falls
and has no one to help them up.*

*Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.
But how can one keep warm alone?*

*Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves.*

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Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV)

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”

John 13:34

- The biggest obstacle for love in any relationship is _____.

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a haughty spirit before a fall.*

Proverbs 16:18 (NIV)

*When pride comes, then comes disgrace,
but with humility comes wisdom.*

Proverbs 11:2 (NIV)

- **Pride gradually** _____ **us.**
- **We don't see pride** _____ **until the** _____.

*“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”*

James 4:6 (NIV)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

- **We defeat pride in our marriage every time we** _____.

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Romans 12:10 (NIV)

The Five Love Languages:

- Words of Affirmation
- Acts of Service
- Gifts
- Physical Touch
- Quality Time

Discussion Questions

1. Have you recently felt envy toward someone? How can you replace envy with gratitude for what God has provided in your life?
2. In what areas of your life do you struggle with pride? How has this affected your closest relationships? How might humility help you build stronger, more loving relationships?
3. How can you practice love by intentionally avoiding envy, boasting, or pride in a specific relationship this week?

Recommended Resources

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- [Embracing the Love of God, by James Bryan Smith](#)
- [Love Like That: 5 Relationship Secrets from Jesus, by Dr. Les Parrott](#)
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