

## THE THEOLOGY OF LOVE Part XIII

“Love rejoices in truth”

Reference: **I Corinthians 13:1-13**

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**Characteristic One...** love is **patient**

**Characteristic Two...** love is **kind**

**Characteristic Three...** love is **not envious**

**Characteristic Four...** love is **not boastful**

**Characteristic Five...** love is **not conceited**

**Characteristic Six...** love is **not rude**

**Characteristic Seven...** love is **not selfish**

**Characteristic Eight...** love is **not provoked**

**Characteristic Nine...** love does **not take into account** a previous offense

**Characteristic Ten...** love **does not rejoice** in unrighteousness

**Characteristic Eleven...**love rejoices in \_\_\_\_\_

**verse six** continued, *“but (love) rejoices in the **truth**.”*

**Question:** Is it ever permissible to lie?

God condemns lies (the opposite of truth and truthfulness) throughout Scripture;

Reference: **Exodus 20:16; Leviticus 19:16a; Proverbs 12:22, 19:9;**

**Psalms 119:163a; Colossians 3:9a**, etc. (see screen)

But some would argue that there are some rare exceptions and cite two biblical examples of what “seem to be” excusable and permissible lies.

Reference: **Exodus 1:15-20; Joshua 2:1-6** (see screen)

This eleventh characteristic that love rejoices in truth means two things:

**ONE** is that authentic agape love rejoices in truth and truthfulness as that truth is \_\_\_\_\_.

**TWO** is that agape love rejoices in truth and truthfulness as it is \_\_\_\_\_.

There are three basic classifications of lies:

- telling a complete and \_\_\_\_\_
- telling a \_\_\_\_\_
- telling something or not telling something that acts \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

Three principles on truth telling:

**One** – Truth telling should be done on a \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Reference: **Proverbs 13:17** (see screen)

**Two** - Truth telling should be done as an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Reference: **Ephesians 4:15; Proverbs 26:28a** (see screen)

**Three** - Truth telling should be done in a \_\_\_\_\_ .  
Reference: **Proverbs 12:18; James 1:19** (see screen)