

## THE THEOLOGY OF LOVE Part VI

*"Love is not boastful and love is not conceited"*

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**verse four**, *"love does not parade itself; is not puffed up"*

On the surface those two statements sound similar but they aren't exactly one and the same. Both statements have to do with pride but there is a distinct difference between them.

The first statement is more pride in \_\_\_\_\_ and the second statement is more pride in \_\_\_\_\_.

The first statement describes pride verbalizing itself as bragging and boasting but the second statement describes the internal conceit and arrogance that is inside someone.

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The word transliterated in this verse as "*parade*" is used just this one time in the entire Greek New Testament. This ancient word "*perpereuomai*" means "an empty pretender, someone that employed rhetorical embellishments in \_\_\_\_\_".

Then another Greek word used to describe this person was "*alazon*." That word is mentioned in **Romans 1:30** and **II Timothy 3:2** and is translated there as "\_\_\_\_\_".

Reference: **James 4:16; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Proverbs 27:2** (see screen)

Characteristic five...love is not \_\_\_\_\_

**verse four**, *"...love... is not puffed up"*

The Greek term translated as "*puffed up*" is used as a metaphor to mean "to be inflated with \_\_\_\_\_."

That means love is not prideful and conceited, in part, because conceit is the basis for boasting.

**Definition:** Conceit is excessive \_\_\_\_\_ in oneself: i.e. vanity, narcissism, egotism, smugness, big-headedness, etc.

Reference: **Isaiah 14:12-15** (see screen)

Reference: **Proverbs 11:2, 16:18** and **18:12** (see screen)

If conceit and arrogance is the problem then the opposite is the solution and the antonym to arrogance is an unpretentious and \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **I Peter 5:5** (see screen)

**IMPORTANT:** Being humble doesn't mean thinking \_\_\_\_\_ of ourselves. Being humble means thinking of ourselves \_\_\_\_\_!

**Personal interrogation:**

**Question:** Do you tend to avoid direct \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?

**Question:** Do you use demeaning language and \_\_\_\_\_?

**Question:** Do you unnecessarily \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?

**Question:** Do you struggle accepting \_\_\_\_\_ from others?

**Question:** Does your \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ communicate arrogance?