

## THE THEOLOGY OF LOVE Part VIII

*"Love is not selfish"*

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
**verse five** (cont'd), "...love *does not seek its own*"

References: **I Corinthians 14:4, 12; Galatians 5:22-23; Genesis 13:1-2, 5-9** (see screen)

There are three statements that can help us become others-centered instead of self-centered, i.e. more selflessness than selfishness.

**FIRST** is to \_\_\_\_\_ other people's value.  
Reference: **Philippians 2:3a, 2:3b** (see screen)

This second statement describes what is sometimes referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_. Reference:  
**Romans 12:10** (see screen)

**SECOND** is to \_\_\_\_\_ someone else's needs.  
Reference: **Philippians 2:4** (see screen)

The most effective technique to understanding people and understanding someone's real needs is to listen to them.

Eric Allenbaugh has created ten basic rules that can help someone to become a better listener.

1) Listen with a \_\_\_\_\_ connection.

- 2) Listen with the intention to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Listen for the message and the message \_\_\_\_\_ the message.
- 4) Listen for both content and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) Listen with our \_\_\_\_\_ and our hearing improves.

- 6) Listen for others \_\_\_\_\_ and not just their position.
- 7) Listen for what they are saying and \_\_\_\_\_ saying.
- 8) Listen with empathy and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) Listen for the areas where they might be afraid and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10) Listen as you would like to be listened \_\_\_\_\_.

**THIRD** is to \_\_\_\_\_ to serve someone.  
Reference: **I John 3:17-18** (see screen)