

LOVE LETS IT GO

40 Days of Love
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"Love is not . . . rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged." 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NLT)

4 MARKS OF REAL LOVE

LOVE IS NOT RUDE. SO . . .

1.

"Answering before listening is both stupid and rude." Proverbs 18:13 (MSG)

"Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don't yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ." Ephesians 4:31-32 (CEV)

"A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is." Proverbs 16:21 (GNT)

LOVE DOES NOT DEMAND ITS OWN WAY. SO . . .

2.

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form." Philippians 2:5-7 (NLT)

"Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone." Titus 3:2 (GW)

"Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31 (NIV)

LOVE IS NOT IRRITABLE. SO . . .

3. **BE GENTLE, NOT JUDGEMENTAL**

"Brothers and sisters, if someone in your group does something wrong, you who are spiritual should go to that person and gently help make him right again. But be careful, because you might be tempted to sin, too." Galatians 6:1 (NCV)

"Each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Therefore, let us stop passing judgment on one another." Romans 14:12-13 (NIV)

"Gentle words are a tree of life; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit."

Proverbs 15:4 (NLT)

"If your boss is angry at you, don't quit! A quiet spirit can overcome even great mistakes." Ecclesiastes 10:4 (NLT)

LOVE KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS. SO . . .

4.

"Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him [drop the issue, let it go], so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions and wrongdoings [against Him and others]." Mark 11:25 (AMP)

"Hate stirs up trouble, but love forgives all offenses." Proverbs 10:12 (GNT)

"When someone wrongs you, it is a great virtue to ignore it."

Proverbs 19:11 (GNT)

"You are only hurting yourself with your anger." Job 18:4 (GNT)

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