



So now

FAITH, HOPE & LOVE ABIDE

these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Love is not Arrogant or Rude

A study in 1 Corinthians 13

Love is not arrogant

- Φυσιοῦται – To puff up or blow up
- 1 Cor. 4:6, 18, 19; 5:2; 8:1; 2 Cor. 12:20

1 Corinthians 8:1–3 (ESV)

8 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. **² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know.** ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

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Romans 12:3–5 (ESV)

³ For by the grace given to me **I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment**, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the **members do not all have the same function**, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Arrogance Leads To:

- Prejudice & Partiality
- Judgmental
- Double-Standard
- Taking Undeserved Credit
- Making yourself out to be “god”

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Ezekiel 28:1–4 (ESV)

28 The word of the LORD came to me: ² “Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, Thus says the Lord GOD:

“Because **your heart is proud**, and you have said, ‘I am a god, I sit in the seat of the gods, in the heart of the seas,’ **yet you are but a man, and no god, though you make your heart like the heart of a god—**

³ you are indeed wiser than Daniel; no secret is hidden from you;

⁴ by your wisdom and your understanding you have made wealth for yourself, and have gathered gold and silver into your treasuries;

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Ezekiel 28:5–7 (ESV)

⁵ by your great wisdom in your trade you have increased your wealth, and your heart has become proud in your wealth—

⁶ therefore thus says the Lord GOD: **Because you make your heart like the heart of a god,**

⁷ therefore, behold, I will bring foreigners upon you, the most ruthless of the nations;

and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom and defile your splendor.

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Ezekiel 28:8–10 (ESV)

- ⁸ They shall thrust you down into the pit, and you shall die the death of the slain in the heart of the seas.
- ⁹ **Will you still say, ‘I am a god,’ in the presence of those who kill you, though you are but a man, and no god, in the hands of those who slay you?**
- ¹⁰ You shall die the death of the uncircumcised by the hand of foreigners; for I have spoken, declares the Lord God.”

Love is not rude

- ἀσχημονεῖ - To act unbecomingly

1 Corinthians 11:20–21 (ESV)

²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ **For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk.**

Love is not rude

- Many attempt to justify rudeness under the banner of “being honest” or “telling it like it is”
 - Love does not **SEEK** to offend needlessly
 - Difference between speaking truth & speaking truth in love

2 Timothy 2:24–25 (ESV)

²⁴ And the Lord’s servant must **not be quarrelsome but kind** to everyone, able to teach, **patiently enduring evil**, ²⁵ **correcting his opponents with gentleness**. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,

Love is not rude

Romans 12:17 (ESV)

17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.