

Skin So Soft & Thick
God's Love Poured In Part 3
1 Corinthians 13:4-13

“Other people don’t create your spirit, they only reveal it.” –Dr. Henry Brandt

“For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.” –Jesus (Matthew 12:34b)

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1. Love is not easily **angered**.

Love has soft **eyes** and thick **skin**:

- Does not get **offended** easily
- Looks through one’s **defensive** armor
- Sees the soul’s **tender** side

Love does not take itself too seriously. Love is:

- Not **defensive**.
- Not **egotistical**.
- Jesus **focused**.

2. Love keeps **no record** of wrongs.

Keeping a record of wrongs:

- Damages **us**,
- Damages our **relationships**,
- Damages **others**.

Our Lord trusted no man, yet He was never suspicious, never bitter.

–Oswald Chambers (July 30) *My Utmost for His Highest*.

3. Loves does not delight in evil, but **rejoices** with the truth.

Romans 8:28: God's **Grace** Filter.

- God filters **everything** that comes into my life:
- Nothing simply **happens** to Christians.
- God uses good and evil to **bless** me.

'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live... .' —Ezekiel 33:11

Parable of Prodigal Son: (Luke 15)

The younger son living **far away** desired to eat pig slop.

The older son **harbored** a serves-him-right attitude.

The Father showed the true **character** of Love.

- *Clothed* his son (robe, ring, shoes),
- Threw a *party*.
- *Rejoiced* in the truth.

⁶[Love] is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

—1 Corinthians 13:6 NLT

“Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression ... and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.”

—Micah 7:18-19

Memory Verse:

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