

- Control is an illusion
- When you allow the Holy Spirit to control you, you do not have to be in control of others or in control of your environment.

- 1. 16 impacts/effects of SL
- 16 characteristics of SL
- 16 descriptions of SL-
remember bible does not define love, it describes when love is present & here are 16 such descriptions.
- 2. **Learn** these 16 impacts of SL, **memorize** them
- **not so that you will do them** for you cannot do them, but so that you may desire them in your soul & in your life.

- 3. First thing you must bear in mind that *love, SL, is the subject*
- **Not you!**
- 4. 2enly—everyone of these impacts of SL are **verbs**; remember we are looking at SL as a Sp.Force & as a force—SL Acts, pushes-pulls causes impacts—effects, pos. & neg. SL is **not stagnant!** SL is **dynamic**; if you do not want your love to be active then do not call it loving as Jesus Christ loves—SL has impact & effect, SL makes great demands on our lives.

- 5. Paul starts out with saying that SL is **Longsuffering**
- Note the last one, 16th one in v 8 **Love never fails**
- **Love is longsuffering & love is kind**
- Then Paul gives **8 descriptions** of SL in the **Neg.** that is when SL is present inside you, these neg. characteristics are not present in you or in your life. **Learn these 8 neg. impacts of SL,** If these are present in your soul, in your home, in your L-C then you know that SL is absent—Holy Spirit is absent, Jesus Christ is absent! Not there!

- Love is not Jealous
- Love does not brag
- Love is not arrogant
- Love does not act unbecomingly
- Love does not seek it's own
- Love is not provoked
- Love does not react when wronged
- Love does not rejoice in un R

- 6. Note that ea. one of these are directly related with control, your not having to be in control.
- 7. Then after these 8 neg. descriptions of SL Paul concludes with six pos. impacts of SL
 - Love rejoices in the truth
 - Love bears all things
 - Love believes all things
 - Love hopes all things
 - Love endure all things
 - Love never fails

- Love is patient PAI of **makroqmia**
makrothumia
- Remember *SL* is the subject, not you...
- Compound word made up of ***kakros***–
duration + ***thumos*** mind, soul
- Therefore *long soul, long mind*, & came to
mean long suffering; long enduring
suffering.
- Love suffers!
- How long will your love suffer?
- SL is longsuffering!

- People have contempt for kindness
- **Rom. 2:4 Or do you think lightly** Gk. means to look down towards something, to have contempt
- **of the riches** all the blessings God has in store for the bel.
- **of His kindness & forbearance & patience,** same word in 1 Cor. 13—longsuffering toward people **not knowing** It is what we do not know about kindness that breeds contempt. **Not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance**

- Longsuffering of Love—inside of you; kindness is what all see
- Not jealous inside of you ,
- not brag outside—what all see, not hear

- 1. SL recognizes who you are in Christ & allows you to be content with who you are in Christ & therefore is not jealous
- 2. SL not being J-E allows God to bless others without you getting out of fellowship with God. see, if you are content with who you are in Christ then no matter how others are blessed does not disturb your Sp. momentum in walking by Faith
- 3. SL not being J-E allows you to share in the joy of blessings of others.

- The cure of bragging- is not to work on not bragging but SL from Holy Spirit.
- 1. SL will not boast –brag because SL deals in **reality**. Spiritual reality & reality for /bel. is knowing that all he has, all that he is, is by the grace of God. SL has no elusions about self or others.
- 2. it is the impact of SL to allow you to be content with who you are in Christ & not have to brag or boast. Does not need to be better!
- 3. It is the nature of SL to serve, not to be superior. (serve OA in love)

- 4. SL does not brag, because bragging divides people & causes others to sin, while SL unites! Col. 3:14 visitors sense when there is pushing & pulling in a l-c or in a home.
- 5. you do not make a decision not to be jealous, nor do you make a decision not to boast...you do not make a decision not to be arrogant, (that would be arrogance) you make a decision to be Filled with Holy Spirit by faith & allow Him to pour SL in you--& it is the character of SL not to be jealous or boast or be arrogant.

- Arrogance often is related to spiritual things;
- Arrogant about self—chpt. 1
- Arrogant about ones Pastor-Teacher 4:6
- arrogance divides – SL unites
- Arrogant about their sins 5:2
- Arrogant about their knowledge 8:1

- **SL does not act unbecomingly**
- Love acts & SL does not act unbecomingly
- God cares how His love acts!
- There are so many ways of defining acting unbecomingly:
 - Rude, immoral, indecently, irrespectively, disgracefully, to act improperly; disorderly, SL does not wrongfully hurt another;
 - SL is courteous, thoughtful, becoming, edifying.

- **SL does not seek its own** does not have to be in control or draw attention to self;
- **SL is not easily provoked** does not have to be in control or get it's way.
- **SL does not take into account a wrong** not have to get even
- **SL does not rejoice in unrighteousness** but note that it does not judge others; does not malign others who are acting Unrighteously.
- **SL rejoices with the truth** that Jesus Christ has been judged for all unrighteousness & unbel. can be saved or the unrighteous bel. can be restored by grace thru faith.

- **SL bears all things** protection of itself; trust cannot bear breakdown of trust
- **SL believes all things** Rom. 8:28; in spite of circum. SL continues
- **SL hopes all things** confident that what God has said, He will do, that God is faithful
- **SL endures all things** this is the other Gk. word translated patient only this word deals with circum. in life, while SL is long suffering deals with people, it also endures all things
- **SL never fails** in the spiritual realm.

- **SL is the More Excellent Way**
- **1. Reality**: Reality of who you are in Christ; w/o SL your life is a life of lies & hypocrisy
- **2. Control**: we cannot control others; we cannot control circumstances, we cannot control God; so SL puts you in control of your own soul, or puts the HS in control of your soul.
- **3. Jesus Christ** SL draws attention to Christ, this is His love; the world sees how Christ loves.
- **4.** that you **not sin** if you love as JC loved there is no cause to sin.
- That you **know Jesus Christ**; that you keep His commandment for His commandment is to love as He loved. & there will be no fear in your life.

- **5. Utility – Useful** SL gives utility to everything you do & makes you useful in the invisible sp. warfare.
- **6. Strong:** SL makes you strong, not weak. (trust vs SL)
- **7. Guides:** SL guides in every situation in life, guides your thoughts, your actions, your tongue, the very manner you live.
- **8. Every Moment:** every moment of your life, every relationship, every circum. every person you come in contact with is in need of SL from you Spiritual Gifts—occasionally SL always

- **9. To Everyone** every one on earth is in need of SL from you, husband/wife family, friends, church etc.
- **10. Faith** a life of SL is the more excellent way for to live a life of SL means you have to walk by faith in Holy Spirit.