

# THE GOD KIND OF LOVE

(adapted from 1 Corinthians 13, by the Spirit-filled Life Bible)

**Love** suffers long, having patience with imperfect people.

**Love** is kind, active in doing good.

**Love** does not envy, since it is non-possessive and noncompetitive, it actually wants others to get ahead. Hence it does not parade itself.

**Love** has a self-effacing quality, it is not ostentatious.

**Love** is not puffed up, treating others arrogantly. It does not behave rudely, but displays good manners and courtesy.

**Love** does not seek its own, insisting on its own rights and demanding precedence, rather it is unselfish.

**Love** is not provoked, it is not irritable or touchy, rough or hostile, but is graceful under pressure.

**Love** thinks no evil, it does not keep an account of wrongs done to it; instead it erases resentments.

**Love** does not rejoice in iniquity, finding satisfaction in the shortcomings of others and spreading an evil report, rather it rejoices in the truth, aggressively advertising the good.

**Love** bears all things, defending and holding other people up.

**Love** believes the best about others, credits them with good intentions and is not suspicious.

**Love** hopes all things, never giving up on people, but affirming their future.

**Love** endures all things, persevering and remaining loyal to the end.