

# Where is Love? Dying Leads the Way

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## 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; [6] it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. [7] Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

(Check out the verbs)

Last week we saw from John 12:24-26 four great promises and life-shaking demands.

- \* Your life will bear fruit, if it falls into the ground and dies.
- \* You will keep your life for eternal life, if you hate your life in this world.
- \* You will be with Jesus where he is, if you follow him-to Calvary.
- \* God the Father will honor you, if you serve Jesus.

**What must we die to as a father-mother-leader-body member in order to bear fruit?  
If We Would Be Filled with Fruit-bearing Power-Dying will have to precede Revival.**

**Is this process a contradiction of John 3:16?**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son so that whoever believes on him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Jesus says in John 12:25, "He who hates his life in this world shall keep it to eternal life"

**Does John 12:25 contradict John 3:16? No, John 12:25 defines John 3:16**

**Jesus is describing the way faith lives.**

He attaches the same promises to this way of life that he attaches to faith

Believe and not perish-Hate your life and keep it

Not earned or merited- but are evidences and credentials of true faith

**What does dying like a seed and this hating of your life in this world have to do with loving each other?**

**1Corinthians 13:4-7 has 15 descriptions of what love is;**

1. Love is patient
2. Love is kind
3. Is not jealous
- 4.love does not brag
- 5.is not arrogant
- 6.does not act unbecomingly
- 7.it does not seek its own
- 8.it is not provoked
9. Does not take into account a wrong suffered
- 10.does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but
- 11.rejoices with the truth
12. bears all things
- 13.believes all things
14. hopes all things
15. endures all things

**If we truly want revival individually and corporately, this is the fruit that the Spirit bears**

**There must be a dying to self before the fruit of Love will be born**

**"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and die it remains alone" alone in its self-absorbed, self-asserting, self-enhancing prison-"but if it dies, it bears much fruit"**

**the fruit of love and all the people that will see Christ in that love.**

**A call to love and death**

**Being long suffering means dying to the desire for an untroubled life**

**Having no jealousy means dying to the desire for unshared affection**

**Not boasting means dying to the desire to call attention to our successes**

**Not acting unbecomingly means dying to the desire to express our freedom offensively**

**Not seeking our own way means dying to the dominance of our own preferences**

**Not being easily provoked means dying to the need for no frustrations**

**Not taking account of wrongs means dying to the desire for revenge**

**Bearing all things and enduring all things means dying to the desire to run away from the pain of obedience**

**When Jesus call a man *Dietrich Bonhoffer* said, he bids him come and die.**

**Come. Reckon yourself dead to sin and alive to love.**