

The Problem – Loving Others.

We are all probably familiar with the words in 1 Corinthians 13. We can buy pretty little cards in Christian bookshops with these words on them. There is one stuck on to the computer on which this is being written. “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth (i.e. no gossiping, talking about others behind their back). It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”¹ It is transferring these words from the pretty little cards on our desks (or computers) or tucked away in our bibles to the circumstances that are peculiarly ours that is the problem.

Love begins with acceptance of others as they are, not as we would like them to be. It passionately wants for them a better way for their own sakes not for ours. So we pray. As we pray for them we pray for ourselves, “Lord, only you can keep me loving but in faith I believe that you will do it.” He will!

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¹1 Cor. 13:4-7

Thank you for helping me

