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Secrets to a Successful Marriage

## WALK IN SELFLESS LOVE (PT.2): THREE WAYS LOVE DOESN'T BEHAVE

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# Introduction

**1 John 4:7-8:** . . . and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

## Review

**Love is patient:** love “suffers long”

**Love is kind:** love “actively does good”

# 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind and is **not** jealous;  
love does **not** brag and is **not** arrogant,  
<sup>5</sup>does **not** act unbecomingly; it does **not** seek its own,  
is **not** provoked, does **not** take into account a wrong suffered,  
<sup>6</sup>does not rejoice in unrighteousness,  
but rejoices with the truth;  
<sup>7</sup>bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things.

# Love is Not Jealous

**Jealous** – literally means “boils over with jealousy”

- **Proverbs 6:34:** For jealousy enrages a man, And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
- **Proverbs 27:4:** Wrath is fierce and anger is a flood, But who can stand before jealousy?
- **1 Corinthians 3:3–4:** . . . For since **there is jealousy** and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I am of Paul,” and another, “I am of Apollos,” are you not mere men?

# Saul's Jealousy

**1 Samuel 18:6-11:** It happened as they were coming, when David returned from killing the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy and with musical instruments. <sup>7</sup>The women sang as they played, and said, “Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands.”

<sup>8</sup>Then Saul became very angry, for this saying displeased him; and he said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?” <sup>9</sup>Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on.

<sup>10</sup>Now it came about on the next day that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved in the midst of the house, while David was playing the harp with his hand, as usual; and a spear was in Saul's hand. <sup>11</sup>Saul hurled the spear for he thought, “I will pin David to the wall.” But David escaped from his presence twice.

# Saul's Jealousy

**1 Samuel 18:12-15:** Now Saul was afraid of David, for the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. <sup>13</sup>Therefore Saul removed him from his presence and appointed him as his commander of a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

<sup>14</sup>David was prospering in all his ways for the LORD was with him.

<sup>15</sup>When Saul saw that he was prospering greatly, he dreaded him.

# Jonathan's Selfless Love

**1 Samuel 18:1:** . . . the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself.

**1 Samuel 19:4–5:** Then Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Do not let the king sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds have been very beneficial to you.

<sup>5</sup>“For he took his life in his hand and struck the Philistine, and the LORD brought about a great deliverance for all Israel; you saw it and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by putting David to death without a cause?”

# Jonathan's Selfless Love

**1 Samuel 20:30–33:** Then Saul's anger burned against Jonathan and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you are choosing the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness?"

<sup>31</sup>"For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Therefore now, send and bring him to me, for he must surely die."

<sup>32</sup>But Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?"

<sup>33</sup>Then Saul hurled his spear at him to strike him down; so Jonathan knew that his father had decided to put David to death.



## **Are you able to respond without jealousy. . .**

- When others get the credit you deserve?
- When you wish you looked like someone else?
- When someone else's family does not seem to have the difficulties that your faces?
- When your spouse's abilities or success are superior to yours?

➤ **Are you always content with exactly what God has brought into your life each and every day?**

# What should replace jealousy?

- A. Cultivate an attitude of thankfulness for everything**
- B. Set your minds on the welfare of others rather than on yourself.**

# Love Does Not Brag

**Brag:** to boast, to call attention to oneself

## **Modern manifestations:**

- Story topping
- Humble-brag

**Proverbs 27:2:** Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.

# What should replace bragging?

## A. Boast in Christ

**Jeremiah 9:23–24:** Thus says the LORD, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; <sup>24</sup>but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the LORD.

**Galatians 6:14:** But may it never be that I would boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

# What should replace bragging?

## B. Build others up



Thomas Brooks

“It is sad to consider that saints should have many eyes to behold one another’s infirmities, and not one eye to see each other’s graces, that they should use spectacles to behold one another’s weaknesses, rather than looking-glasses to behold one another’s graces.”

# Love is Not Arrogant

**Arrogant:** literally – puffed up, to have inflated ideas of your own importance

- **1 Corinthians 4:7:** . . . What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?
- **James 1:17:** Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

# Love is Not Arrogant

**1 Chronicles 29:11–16:** “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

<sup>12</sup>“Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. <sup>13</sup>“Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup>“But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? **For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You.**

<sup>15</sup>“For we are sojourners before You, and tenants, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. <sup>16</sup>“O LORD our God, **all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and all is Yours.**

## **Manifestations of pride and arrogance:**

- An inflated view of your importance, gifts, and abilities.
- A focus on your lack of gifts or abilities.
- Seeking independence or control.
- Maximizing others sin and failures and minimizing your own.
- Being consumed with what others think.



# What should replace arrogance?

**A. Compare Yourself to Christ**

**B. Confess Your Sin**

**C. Seek Others' Correction**

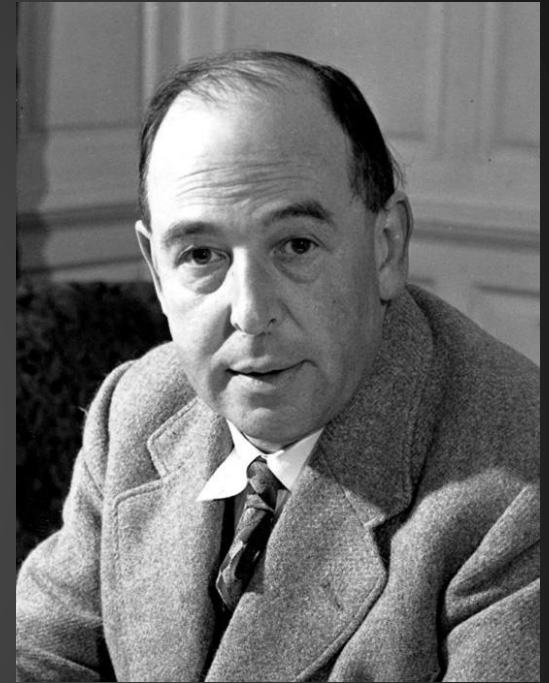
**Proverbs 15:12**

A scoffer does not love one who reproves him,  
He will not go to the wise.

# Conclusion

- ✓ Love doesn't boil with jealousy
- ✓ Love does not brag
- ✓ Love is not puffed up with arrogance

Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call “humble” nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to *him*. . . He will not be thinking about humility: he will not be thinking about himself at all.



C.S. Lewis