

40 Days of Love – Week 4

## Love Lets It Go

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“Love is not rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and loves keeps no record of when it has been wronged.”  
1 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT)

### 1. LOVE IS NOT RUDE

With Difficult people I will be tactful, not just truthful.

“Answering before listening is both stupid and rude.”

Proverbs 18:13 (MSG)

“Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don't yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:31-32 (CEV)

“A wise, mature person is known for his understanding. The more pleasant his words, the more persuasive he is.”

Proverbs 16:21 (TEV)

### 2. LOVE DOES NOT DEMAND ITS OWN WAY

With Demanding people I will be understanding, not demanding.

“Your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God. He made himself nothing; he took the humble position of a slave and appeared in human form.”

Philippians 2:5-7 (NLT)

“Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone.”

Titus 3:2 (GW)

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Luke 6:31 (NIV)

### 3. LOVE IS NOT IRRITABLE

With Disappointing people I will be gentle, not judgmental.

“Brothers and sisters, if someone in your group does something wrong, you who are spiritual should go to that person and gently help make him right again. But be careful, because you might be tempted to sin, too.”

Galatians 6:1 (NCV)

“Each of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore, let us stop passing judgment on each other.”

Romans 14:12-13 (NIV)

“Gentle words bring life and health; a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.”

Proverbs 15:4 (NLT)

### 4. LOVE KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS

With Destructive people I will delete it, not repeat it.

“Whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop, leave it, and let it go, in order that your Father who is in heaven may also forgive you your own failings and shortcomings and let them drop.”

Mark 11:25 (Amp)

“Hate stirs up trouble, but love forgives all offenses.”

Proverbs 10:12 (TEV)

“When someone wrongs you, it is a great virtue to ignore it.”

Proverbs 19:11 (TEV)

#### ACTION STEP:

Identify a D \_\_\_\_\_ person and Practice LOVE.

#### HOMEWORK

**Small Group assignment:** Watch teaching Session 4, “Love is Forgiving”, by Rick Warren and follow along in the study guide.

**Personal Reading schedule:** *The Relationship Principles of Jesus*, Read chapters 22-28 this week, beginning on page 195.

#### **This Week's Memory Verse:**

*Love...doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do.*

1 Corinthians 13:5 (CEV)