Biblical Love Is … **1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13**

[Biblical] love is giving someone what they need most, when they deserve it least, at great personal cost to yourself. ~Chip Ingram

A choice of the will to sacrifice oneself to meet the needs of the other person for the glory of God. ~Anonymous

➢ **Biblical love is not a feeling. It is a choice, an action.**

Positive Distinctives of Biblical Love

Biblical love …

• Luke 6:41

➢ ***Biblical love minimizes the sins and faults of others.***

1. is _____. 4a

➢ ***Biblical love is patient with people.***

2. is _____. 4b

➢ ***Kindness is active; it chooses to do. Patience is passive; it chooses not to do.***

• Ephesians 4:23

3. rejoices in the _____. 6b

➢ ***Love focuses on, talks about and joyfully celebrates everting that is true.***

• 1 Corinthians 12:26

4. _____ _____ things. 7a

• Proverbs 11:13, 1 Peter 4:8

Love <u>BEARS</u> all things; it does not <u>BARE</u> all things. ~John MacArthur

5. _____ _____ things. 7b

• Matthew 10:16

Judgmentalism is merciless [mercy-less, without mercy]. Whereas love "believes all things," the judgmental person disbelieves all things. He presumes the worst. He reads evil into the most innocent of actions. He impugns motives. He refuses to give others the benefit of the doubt. ~R. Kent Hughes

6. _____ _____ things. 7c

Hoping all things is "a refusal to take failure as final." ~Leon Morris

➢ ***Hoping all things means believing, this time will be different.***

• Romans 15:13, Romans 15:4

7. _____ _____ things. 7d

➢ ***Biblical love never gives up or quits.***

Are you going to be a doer of God's word and exhibit the _____ distinctives of biblical love?