

## CHARITY LEVEL SELF-EXAM

Now the body is not one member, it is many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," would it then no longer belong to the body? If the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," would it then no longer belong to the body?" If the body were all eye, what would happen to our hearing? If it were all ear, what would happen to our smelling? As it is, God has set each member of the body in the place he wanted it to be. If all the members were alike, where would the body be? There are, indeed many different members, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," any more than the head can say to the feet, "I do not need you" (1Cor. 12:14-21).

"Now I will show you the way which surpasses all the others. If I speak with human tongues and angelic as well, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong, a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and, with full knowledge, comprehend all mysteries, if I have faith great enough to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give everything I have to feed the poor and hand over my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

"Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure" (1Cor. 13:1-7).

Rank yourself on each of the following items on a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being very weak and 10 being very strong. (Please be honest).

Love is patient: I keep my cool when people get on my back. I am slow to get angry with those that I love. I rarely yell at people or lose my temper.

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Love is kind: I really try to be thoughtful of those around me. I am willing to praise the success of others. I share my time and concern when it's needed, and I'm always on the lookout to "build up" others.

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Love is not jealous: I'm not upset when others perform better than I do or get promoted ahead of me, even if it's undeserved. I am not threatened by other's talents. When I'm overlooked, I don't punish people with my moods.

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Love does not put on airs: I don't hog the spotlight in the group. I avoid focusing glory on myself. I strive to make others look good, and never tell exaggerated stories about my accomplishments.

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Love is not snobbish: I know my limitations and work within them. I don't need special attention or favors to get me to cooperate. I don't go around putting people down.

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Love is not rude: I avoid making any crude or sarcastic comments to others or about others. Instead, my conversation is polite and supportive, and my approach to others is sincere and friendly.

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Love is not self-seeking: I am not self-centered. I avoid making others fit my expectations. I am not possessive of my friends. I don't always insist on my way. I want to learn other ways of doing things.

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Love is not prone to anger: I am not touchy, cranky, defensive, or supersensitive. I don't lay bad moods on others. I am approachable, warm, open and easy-to-get-along-with.

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Love does not brood over injuries: I am quick to forgive those who have hurt me. I don't fight back or seek revenge when jumped on by someone. I forget mistakes others make and avoid holding grudges.

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Love does not rejoice in what is wrong: When someone is proven wrong, I avoid self-satisfaction. I never take delight in another's failure, even if it has made me look good. When anyone slips up, I am there with encouragement instead of "I told you so".

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Love rejoices with the truth: I welcome honesty and justice, even when it shows my weaknesses. I am willing to give credit and praise whenever it is due. I live my commitment to God honestly and am willing to admit my mistakes.

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Love never gives up: When my relationship with someone is a struggle, I keep sharing. I never miss an opportunity to help someone. There is no rejection or failure that can make me give up my commitment to love.

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*N. B. Charity level = Total score/12*