

# The Language of Love

The very wise Apostle Paul wrote volumes on love. Perhaps his most important words are found in four verses, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. We hear them quoted from pulpits, read at weddings and funerals, and even see them beautifully scripted on greeting cards and wall hangings, yet...they are so difficult to live out. If we are honest, it will take the rest of our lives, and then some, to put them into practice. When we do, individually and corporately, the world we live in will be an entirely different place. Today is the day to be intentional about learning and living the language of God's love. Replace "love" with your name. Make it very personal. Be intentional and go easy on yourself—all at the same time.

\_\_\_\_\_ endures with patience and serenity,

\_\_\_\_\_ is kind and thoughtful,

And is not jealous or envious;

\_\_\_\_\_ does not brag and is not proud or arrogant.

\_\_\_\_\_ is not rude;

\_\_\_\_\_ is not self-seeking,

\_\_\_\_\_ is not provoked [nor overly sensitive and easily angered];

\_\_\_\_\_ does not take into account a wrong endured.

\_\_\_\_\_ does not rejoice at injustice, but rejoices when the truth [when right and truth prevail].

\_\_\_\_\_ bears all things [regardless of what comes],

\_\_\_\_\_ believes all things [looking for the best in each one],

\_\_\_\_\_ hopes all things [remaining steadfast during difficult times],

\_\_\_\_\_ endures all things [without weakening].

\_\_\_\_\_ 's love never fails [it never fades nor ends].

Amen.