

The Will to Love

1 Corinthians 13 Young's Literal Translation (YLT)

13 If with the tongues of men and of messengers I speak, and have not love, I have become brass sounding, or a cymbal tinkling;

Multiple languages even to angelic utterances unknown tongues in which you speak to God A sounding Gong or clanging symbols

Eros- carnal fleshly desire or attraction

Philos- a brotherly love which stems from relationship and circumstances that bond

Agape - a sacrificial divine love not predicated on what is given in return

² and if I have prophecy, and know all the secrets, and all the knowledge, and if I have all the faith, so as to remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing; **The great I Am says he would be nothing without that one attribute**

³ and if I give away to feed others all my goods, and if I give up my body that I may be burned, and have not love, I am profited nothing. **The great I Am says if had done all those things and did not Love I would have no return on my life. (talents no profit)**

⁴ The love is long-suffering, it is kind, **Love can put itself in a state of denial or fulfillment and will wait though unjustly treated and still is kind. (how many people are known for kindness-** ⁷ **that He might show, in the ages that are coming, the exceeding riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus, Ephesians 2:7 Jesus demonstrated so powerfully!**

This is what it isn't

The love doth not envy ... **Christ did not harbor feelings of discontented or resentful longing aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or fortune**

the love doth not vaunt itself, **Boast; a vain display of what one is or has, or has done;**

is not puffed up, **PRIDE- cannot see beyond own importance and opinion.**

⁵ doth not act unseemly, **not proper or appropriate.**

Doth not seek its own things ... **full of self and every decision is about your well being**

is not provoked ,..... **approachable, not quick to anger or irritable**

Doth not impute evil ... **will not initiate or engage in something that would hurt the soul of an individual.**

⁶ rejoiceth not over the unrighteousness, **wishes none should perish, does not relish in I told you so, is wearied by your plight of those outside of his care and covering.**

BACK TO WHAT HE IS

and rejoiceth with the truth;

⁷ all things it beareth, all it believeth, all it hopeth, all it endureth.

⁸ The love doth never fail; and whether [there be] prophecies, they shall become useless; whether tongues, they shall cease; whether knowledge, it shall become useless;

⁹ for in part we know, and in part we prophecy;

¹⁰ and when that which is perfect may come, then that which [is] in part shall become useless.

¹¹ When I was a babe, as a babe I was speaking, as a babe I was thinking, as a babe I was reasoning, and when I have become a man, I have made useless the things of the babe;

¹² for we see now through a mirror obscurely, and then face to face; now I know in part, and then I shall fully know, as also I was known;

¹³ and now there doth remain faith, hope, love -- these three; and the greatest of these [is] love.