



Love hopes all things

1 Corinthians 13:7

Breaking the Ice:

Describe someone you know who has a positive disposition. How do they express it? How do they affect others?

For Reflection:

Love hopes all things in the sense that it earnestly desires that all things work out for the best. - McDonald

Hopeth all things - Sees the bright side of things. Does not despair. - Robertson

It is hopeful that those who have failed will not fail again rather than concluding that failure is inevitable. - Constable

Definition: believes all things

παντα ἐλπίζει *panta elpizei*

hope for, an attitude of looking forward to, usually, a trusting, confident hope, expect, look forward to something happening¹

¹ Swanson, J. (1997). *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek (New Testament)* (electronic ed.). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

Sometimes those with a positive, hopeful outlook are looked upon as not being realist and living a fantasy, there is something to be said about being hopeful. Love is hopeful according to 1 Cor. 13:7, and is hopeful in all things! This is not just blind faith but it is faith that is grounded in the ability of God to redeem people and sanctify people. If they will humble themselves and seek His help can transform anyone, we should remain hopeful of this possibility. If we give up on people and always expect a negative outcome we are not lovingly giving God room to change them. -JPW

Do you think optimistically about others or pessimistically about others?

Which would you prefer for others to think about you?

Read [Philippians 1:6](#)

How does this promise give you hope for yourself? For others?

Suggest some ways that we can use this promise to “hope all things” about others in our lives.

Response:

As we love others we must allow our hearts hopeful that change is going on in their lives.

Bottom Line:

Seek to pray for God to change others hearts and to open yours