



## Love endures all things

1 Corinthians 13:7

### Breaking the Ice:

Do you own something that has endured well over a long period of time? What does longevity say about the value of something?

### For Reflection:

“Love perseveres in that it remains steadfast in the face of unpleasant circumstances.” – D. K. Lowery

“Love remains strong through testing.” – J. Vernon McGee

“Does not allow itself to become overwhelmed but perseveres steadfastly through difficult trials.” – Tom Constable

### Definition: endures all things

Παντα ὑποφέρω – *panta hypomeno*

*To resist, stand firm by holding one's ground, to stay behind, remain longer than, continue, stand firm, endure despite opposition, endure, persevere in spite of difficulty<sup>1</sup>*

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

While much of what has been stated in this definition of love is pointed squarely at our internal attitudes and view, this one seems to be externally focused. Whatever may come that would assault a relationship will not destroy it if God-like love is at the center. Many relationships are destroyed when challenged and tested by hardships and difficulties. Genuine love will bring persons together rather than push them apart. This characteristic of loving like God may serve as verification of real love. Real love will continue in spite of any circumstance. -JPW

Do you think that adopting a commitment that “love will endure anything” will aid in fulfilling enduring love in life?

How does the common wedding ceremony language reflect this? (*“in sickness and in health, richer or poorer, until death do us part”*)

Suggest some ways that we can use this promise that “love endures all things” with others in our lives.

Read [Romans 8:38-39](#)

In what ways does God’s love for us persevere in spite of even our own actions?

**Response:**

As we love, purpose to not let anything stop you from loving like God.

**Bottom Line:**

God’s enduring love for us shows that enduring love for others is possible.