

"Seek own way" → "becomes easily irritated" → "behave in unloving fashion"

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= experience a failure to love!

The Love of God Doesn't Put Itself First - I Co 13:5

- What is Paul talking about?
 - ...the original sin of Lucifer - Is 14:121-5
 - ...the spirit of rebellion - Ez 28:15-19
- Why is Paul pointing this out?
 - ...it is inconsistent with the nature of Christ - Ro 15:3; Phil 2:7
 - ...it is inconsistent with those born of His nature - II Pet 1:3-4
- What is the solution?
 - ...daring to believe who God is and where God is - I Jo 4:8-16
 - ...daring to regularly confess "I'll be for others" - Phil 2:3-4; I Jo 3:16

The Love of God Doesn't Act Out of Irritation - I Co 13:5

- What is Paul talking about?
 - ...plain old frustration in the soul
 - ...authorizing soul pain to tell us what to do
- Why is Paul pointing this out?
 - ...to expose the lie that our thinker/feeler is an accurate indicator of reality
 - ...it is inconsistent with the nature of Christ
- What is the solution?
 - ...repent of "me first" living - Phil 2:3-4
 - ...learn to discern soul from spirit - Heb 4:12
 - ...swap your irritation for God's invitation - Lk 5:5

The Love of God Does Not Behave Unfashionably

- What is Paul talking about?
 - ...any attitude or action that is out of place in Christ - Phil 2:1-2, 5
- Why is Paul pointing this out?
 - ...such actions are inconsistent with the nature of Christ
 - ...if it doesn't "fit" Christ, it doesn't "fit" us
- What is the solution?
 - ...repent of "me-first"; discern soul from spirit
 - ...filter your options through the grid of the nature of Christ - Col 3:17
 - ...choose behaviors that give grace and meet needs - Eph 4:29

Do I Want to Fail or Succeed in Love?