

# The Attributes Of Love Pt18

## *Not Easily Provoked*

### **I CORINTHIANS 13:1-5a**

1. *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.*
2. *And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.*
3. *And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.*
4. *Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,*
- 5a. *Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, [is not easily provoked]...*

### **I CORINTHIANS 13:5a** [NIV Translation]

- 5a. *...it is not easily angered...*

### **I CORINTHIANS 13:5a** [Amplified Translation]

- 5a. *...it is not provoked [nor overly sensitive and easily angered];*

### **I CORINTHIANS 13:5a** [Amplified Classic Translation]

- 5a. *...it is not touchy or fretful or resentful...*

### **I CORINTHIANS 13:5a** [Wuest Translation]

- 5a. *...is not irritated, provoked, exasperated, aroused to anger...*

### GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 3947

*paroxuno* {par-ox-oo'-no}

1a) *to stimulate, spur on, urge*

1b) *to irritate, provoke, arouse to anger; to scorn, despise, make angry, to exasperate, to burn with anger*

### **ACTS 17:16**

16. *Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was [stirred] in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.*

### **EPHESIANS 6:4**

4. *And, ye fathers, [provoke] not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 3949

*parorgizo* {par-org-id'-zo}

1) *to rouse to wrath, to provoke, exasperate, anger*

**COLOSSIANS 3:21**

21. *Fathers, [provoke] not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.*

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 2042

*erethizo* {er-eth-id'-zo}

1) *to stir up, excite, stimulate, to provoke*

**HEBREWS 10:24**

24. *And let us consider one another to [provoke] unto love and to good works:*

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 3948

*paroxusmos* {par-ox-oos-mos'}

1) *an inciting, incitement*

**incite**

*to move to action: stir up: spur on: urge on* ~ merriam-webster.com

**EZEKIEL 36:24-27**

24. *For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.*

25. *Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.*

26. *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*

27. *And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

**WHY SOME PEOPLE CAN'T KEEP THE VICTORY [57-0324]**

Well, as soon as you get the new spirit, you quit your stealing, you quit your lying, things like that. You say, "Oh, hallelujah, I got it." And you find out the first time anyone crosses your path a little bit, oh mercy, what a difference. Sure. You blow up like a frog eating buckshot. But let me tell you, brother. That's the reason you never got God's Spirit. That's true. "Oh," you say, "he stepped on my toe; I'll just not put up with that." All right. That shows what you got in you. That's true. "I'll put a new spirit in you, and then I'll put My Spirit in you."

#### THE LAMB AND THE DOVE [57-0325]

The Lamb of God is a silent Lamb. When He was smitten on one side of the face, He turned the other one. And when He was riled at, He riled not back again. That's right. He walked on taking care of one thing: that was the business of His Father. It's not sticking your nose in every little church argument.

#### POSSESSING THE ENEMY'S GATES [59-1108]

When He was riled upon, He riled not back. When He was made fun of, He held His peace. When He was called a devil, He held His peace. He had one business, and that's the Father's business, and He went about doing that.

#### MAKING THE VALLEY FULL OF DITCHES [56-0728]

But now notice, that's the reason out in the desert everything you come in contact in the desert's got stickers on it. I don't care if it's a little old leaf, or whatever it is, don't fool with it, 'cause it's got a sticker on it. You know what does that? Is because it ain't had no water. Where there's no water, it gets stickers. Where there's water, that same plant will soften up and make leaves.

And that's what's the matter with the church, the reason there's so much fussing. "I'm a Oneness." "I'm Assembly." "I'm this." "I'm this other." "Oh, I belong to the Church of God. We got the group. Them's a buzzard roost over there, "This is that, and the other." "Oh, we don't believe in that. We believe in dancing this a way. We believe in fixing to do this. Liberation of women... Oh...?... I do this." Oh, my. What's the matter? Your water supply is cut off. That's right. It's the truth.

#### PLANTING THE VINE AND WHERE TO PLANT IT [59-0920]

Thus it is with the church today. That when the church gets away from the fountain of Life, when it gets away from the joys of salvation, when it gets away from the Lord God, then that person becomes a sticker, always finding fault, sticking. No sooner you come up, "I'm a Presbyterian, I'm a Methodist, I'm a So-and-so. Don't talk to me about that stuff." A sticker, it has no fruits.

You take that same plant, cactus, and put it into a land for a few generations where there's plenty of water, and that sticker will unfold, and will come a soft leaf bearing fruit.

#### HE WAS TO PASS THAT WAY [57-0727]

All they need is a little water to soften them up, and they'll come out into a lovely leaf for the shade. And we just... God's got plenty of it. And you don't have to drink sparingly; He's the inexhaustible fountain of Life.

## THE EVER PRESENT WATER FROM THE ROCK [61-0723M]

And when you see somebody like that, maybe it's a precious soul that could be watered right, would've been a tender little leaf or something. But instead of that, it's wound itself up till it's a sticker, just punching at everything, you know, finding fault. Only thing it needs is just water. That's all. It just--it just needs a--a revival, or a breaking up, a refreshing from the Lord. It'll--it'll unfold its little self, if you'll just put it to the water.

### **EPHESIANS 5:26b**

*26b. ...the washing of water by the word,*

### **REVELATION 21:6**

*6. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

### **REVELATION 22:17**

*17. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

## THE QUEEN OF SHEBA [57-0517]

...you become so salty until the people of your community will say, "If there ever was a change, it's in that person there." There you are.

"I... If I'm ever a Christian. I want to be like that man or woman, for they have love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, gentleness, patience, meekness, and so forth. The nine fruits of the Spirit dwells within them. They're not easily provoked. You can't make them mad at you; they will not become angry. They're so loving that in their very presence you feel Christ." There you are. There you are. That's what the church needs. Not because you can argue your religious standpoint, that doesn't mean it. It's your life that proves what you are.