

Key Passage Paper Topic and Rough Draft Outline

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**Topic:** The Characteristics of Love

**Key Passage:** 1 Corinthians 13: 4-7 (NASB)

“ Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things”.

### **Outline and Points:**

- What Love Is – I will tell what love is according to the key passage in order establish the character of love and what it should reflect in our lives on all levels including personal and spiritual.
- What Love Isn't – Here I will share what the key passage says about what love is not. I will share this because if we can identify what love isn't when it arises in our relationship we can root it out and stay consistent with what love is.
- What Love Does – Love is not just a feeling but love is also action. Here I will identify the actions of love according to the key passage. This will give some instructions on what to do to operate and express true biblical love.
- What Love Doesn't Do – Since love is actionable we can easily allow wrong actions to contaminate our love. This point will identify what actions do not display love and we can use them as corrective measures to make sure our actions are of love especially as Christians.

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