

# The Way of Love



January	A More Excellent Way
February	Without Love I Am Nothing
March	Love Is Patient
April	Love Is Kind and Does Not Envy
May	Love Is Not Boastful or Arrogant
June	Love Is Not Rude
July	Love Is Not Self-Seeking or Irritable
August	Love Does Not Keep a Record of Wrongs
September	Love Finds No Joy in Unrighteousness but Rejoices with Truth
October	Love Bears and Believes All Things
November	Love Hopes and Endures All Things
December	Love Never Ends

# Self-Seeking

- “It does not insist on its own way.” - ESV
- This is such an important aspect of being a loving person.
- Disclaimer: there’s a difference between being adamant for what’s right, and for having things “my way.”

# Self-Seeking

- Classic examples:
  - Nabal & David
  - Naboth & Ahab
  - Diotrophes



# Irritable

- παροξύνω (*paroxunō*) - “to sharpen; exasperate.”
- Acts 17:16 - Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.
- Paul shows us how to be angry and yet not sin.
- Often though, reality ends up being different.

# Irritable

- The three examples explored earlier show the destruction that can happen when we aren't willing to let go of our ego.
- To fail in this endeavor is to fail at the first thing Christ demands of us: **deny yourself**.
- You can't always get what you want.

# Putting it into Practice

- Marriage.
- Family.
- Work.
- School.
- **EVERYTHING!!**