

**MID-WEEK FELLOWSHIP**  
**27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013.**

**COURTESY IN CHRISTIAN WALK.**

**PRESENTED BY BISHOP PHILIP**  
**KAMAU**

# A More Excellent Way

“But earnestly desire the best gifts.  
And yet I show you **a more  
excellent way.**”

1 Cor.

12:31

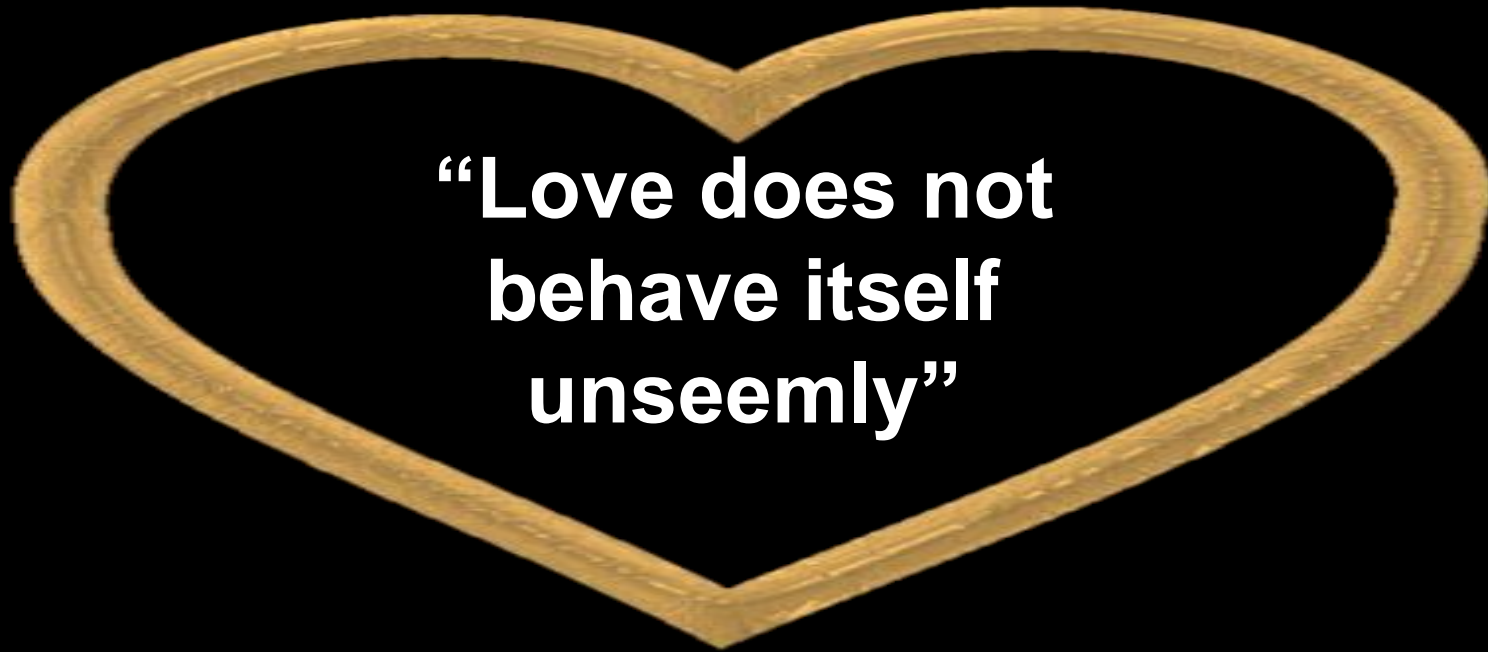
Love

## 1 Cor. 13:4-8a    Description of Love

4. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;
5. **does not behave rudely**, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;
6. does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
7. bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
8. Love never fails.

# A More Excellent Way

-Courtesy-



**Love is not Rude, crude, and socially unacceptable**

# Other Translations

**“Doth not behave itself unseemly” KJV**

- RSV = “It is not arrogant or rude”
- Phillips = “Love has good manners”
- NEB “...not rude”
- S.E.B. “is not rude”
- NIV “It is not rude”
- NKJV “Does not behave rudely”
- NASV “Does not act unbecomingly”

# Other Translations

**“Doth not behave itself unseemly” KJV**

- TEV “Love is not ill mannered”
- AMPLIFIED “It is not rude [unmannerly], and does not act unbecomingly”
- New World Translation “Does not behave indecently...”
- Berry's Interlinear “acts not unseemly”
- “Love does not behave gracelessly”.

# Words “Behave” & “Unseemly”

**Greek** [aschemoneo]

- ❖ “To act unbecomingly”
- ❖ “To conduct oneself, indicating ones manner of life and character”
- ❖ “Not Indecent”

**Literal Meaning** “to be shapeless or unformed”  
Undisciplined behavior

Not one that is rude, out of place, overbearing.

# Words “Behave” & “Unseemly”

## English “Behave”

- ❑ “To conduct oneself in a proper manner”
- ❑ It means to: “act well, do what is right”
- ❑ “To regulate, restrain, or control.”

Act as we should



# **Love acts in a certain way...**

**It is not rude, but is courteous.**

“Marked by polished manners”

**It is considerate**

Do not embarrass others

**It is not ill-mannered**

Rudeness is a sign of weakness

# Bible Verses discuss “Behaving”

**1 Timothy 3:15** - (ESV) “if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God”

**1 Thes. 2:10** NKJV “You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe;”

**2 Thes. 3:7** “we behaved not ourselves disorderly”

**1 Tim. 3:2** “of good behavior”

**Titus. 2:3** “be in behavior as becometh holiness”

# Bible Verses discuss “Behaving”

## David behaved himself wisely

**1 Sam. 18:5** “And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely:”

**1 Sam. 18:14,15** “And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways” - “Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.” **v.30** “behaved himself more wisely”

**Ps. 101:2** “I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.”

# A Gentleman is Courteous

## What is a gentleman ?

“A man whose conduct conforms to a high standard of propriety or correct behavior.” Web.

Tit.3:2 “To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness...”

Gal. 5:22 “gentleness”

2 Cor. 10:1 “gentleness of Christ”

# A Gentleman is Courteous

**Paul was a gentleman !**

## **Acts 17:1-10**

- He was not rude in his manner
- He did not try to see how abusive he could get toward those who disagreed with him.
- He did not slander and blacken the names.

Why ? He was filled with Love !

# A Gentleman is Courteous

**Paul was a gentleman !**

**1 Thes.2:7** “But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children”

He was gentle as a nurse fondling a new-born baby.

Love does not behave itself unseemly.

# Love is Courteous

“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,”

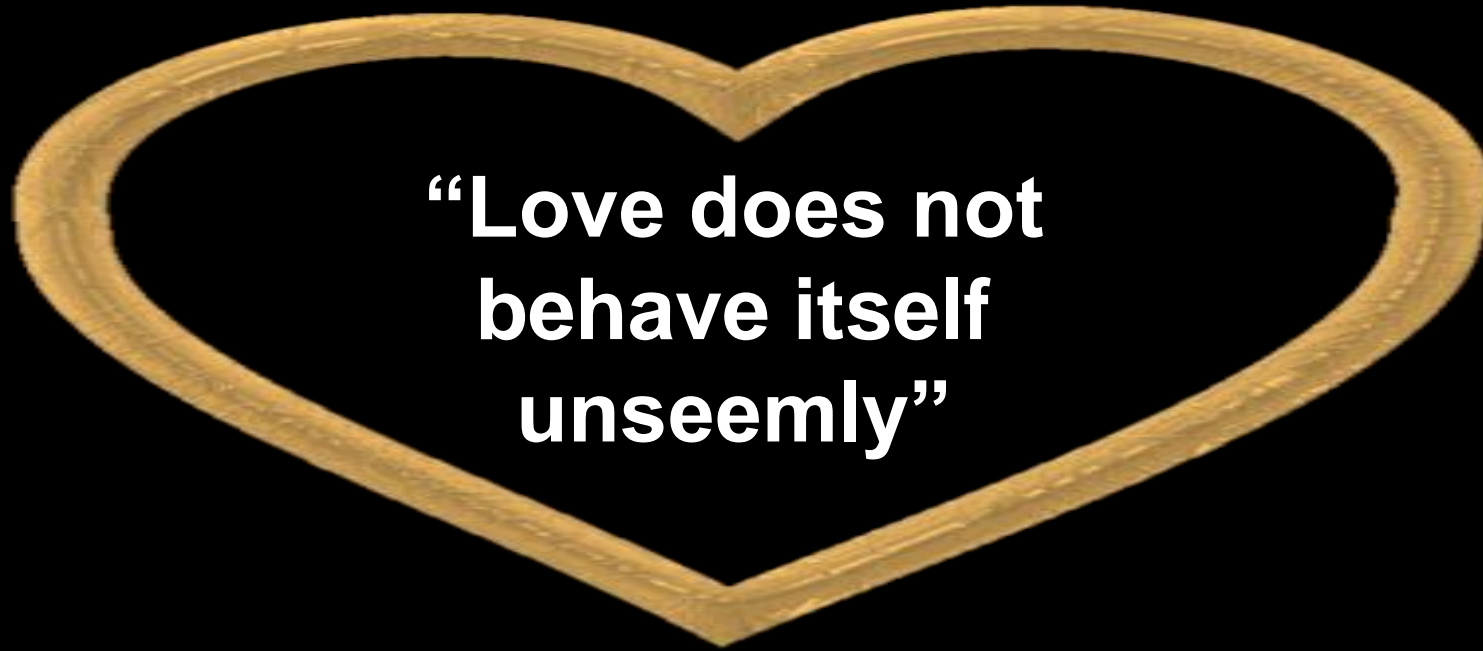
II Timothy 2:24-25

Courtesy, tact, and respect are as natural to love as breathing is to us.

Love drives from one's life all rudeness.

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## Pt. 4 - Courtesy



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