

“Love is patient”

- 2 Sam. 6:6-7 “When they came to the threshing floor of Nakhon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. [YHWH]’s anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God.” (*also violates “is not easily angered”*)
- Matt. 21:19 “Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, ‘May you never bear fruit again!’ Immediately the tree withered.”

“Love is kind”

- Gen. 22:2 “Then God said, ‘Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.’”
- Lev. 26:14-39 “But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands, and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant, then I will do this to you: I will bring on you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and sap your strength. You will plant seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it. I will set my face against you so that you will be defeated by your enemies; those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee even when no one is pursuing you. ... [vv 18-35: *many more cruelties*] ... As for those of you who are left, I will make their hearts so fearful in the lands of their enemies that the sound of a windblown leaf will put them to flight. They will run as though fleeing from the sword, and they will fall, even though no one is pursuing them. They will stumble over one another as though fleeing from the sword, even though no one is pursuing them. So you will not be able to stand before your enemies. You will perish among the nations; the land of your enemies will devour you. Those of you who are left will waste away in the lands of their enemies because of their sins; also because of their ancestors’ sins they will waste away.” (*also violates “always protects,” “is not self-seeking”*)
- Job 2:3 “Then [YHWH] said to Satan, ‘Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason.’” (*also violates “always protects”*)
- Lam. 2:5 “[YHWH] is like an enemy; he has swallowed up Israel. He has swallowed up all her palaces and destroyed her strongholds. He has multiplied mourning and lamentation for Daughter Judah.”
- Ez. 24:16 “Son of man, with one blow I am about to take away from you the delight of your eyes. Yet do not lament or weep or shed any tears.”
- Hosea 1:2 “When [YHWH] began to speak through Hosea, [YHWH] said to him, ‘Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her, for like an adulterous wife this land is guilty of unfaithfulness to [YHWH].’”

“[Love] does not envy”

- Ex. 20:5 “You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, [YHWH] your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me” (*also violates “keeps no record of wrongs”*)
- Ex. 34:14 “Do not worship any other god, for [YHWH], whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.”
- Nahum 1:2 “[YHWH] is a jealous and avenging God; [YHWH] takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. [YHWH] takes vengeance on his foes and vents his wrath against his enemies.” (*also violates “is kind”*)

“[Love] does not boast”

- Ex. 33:19-20 “And [YHWH] said, ‘I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, [YHWH], in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But,’ he said, ‘you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.’”
- Ex. 34:5-7 “Then [YHWH] came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, ‘[YHWH].’ And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, ‘[YHWH], [YHWH], the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.’”

“[Love] is not proud”

- Job 38:1-3 “Then [YHWH] spoke to Job out of the storm. He said: ‘Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’”
- Mark 14:6-7 “But Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone. Why are you bothering her? She has done a good service for me. For you will always have the poor with you, and you can do good for them whenever you want. But you will not always have me!’”

“[Love] does not dishonor others”

- Gen. 3:16-19 “To the woman he said, ‘I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.’ To Adam he said, ‘Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, “You must not eat from it,” Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.’” (*also violates “is kind”*)
- Deut. 23:1 “No one who has been emasculated by crushing or cutting may enter the assembly of [YHWH].”
- Is. 3:1-5 “See now, [YHWH], [YHWH] Almighty, is about to take from Jerusalem and Judah both supply and support: all supplies of food and all supplies of water, the hero and the warrior, the judge and the prophet, the diviner and the elder, the captain of fifty and the man of rank, the counselor, skilled craftsman and clever enchanter. ‘I will make mere youths their officials; children will rule over them.’ People will oppress each other—man against man, neighbor against neighbor. The young will rise up against the old, the nobody against the honored.” (*also violates “always protects”*)
- Matthew 18:15-17 “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault when the two of you are alone. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others with you, so that at the testimony of two or three witnesses every matter may be established. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. If he refuses to listen to the church, treat him like a Gentile or a tax collector.”
- Mark 7:26-27 “The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. ‘First let the children eat all they want,’ he told her, ‘for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.’”

“[Love] is not self-seeking”

- Ex. 20:3 “You shall have no other gods before me.”

- Mal. 1:6 “A son honors his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?” says [YHWH] Almighty.”

“[Love] is not easily angered”

- Ex. 4:24-6 “At a lodging place on the way, [YHWH] met Moses and was about to kill him. But Zipporah took a flint knife, cut off her son’s foreskin and touched Moses’ feet with it. ‘Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me,’ she said. So [YHWH] let him alone.”
- Num. 25:3 “So Israel yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor. And [YHWH]’s anger burned against them.”
- Acts 5:4-5, 9-10 “Then Peter said, ‘Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn’t it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn’t the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God.’ When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened. Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him. About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter asked her, ‘Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?’ ‘Yes,’ she said, ‘that is the price.’ Peter said to her, ‘How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.’ At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband. Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.” (*also violates “Love is patient”*)

“[Love] keeps no record of wrongs”

- Ex. 34:7 “Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”
- Deut. 5:8-11 “You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, [YHWH] your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not misuse the name of [YHWH] your God, for [YHWH] will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.”
- 1 Sam 15:2-3 “This is what [YHWH] Almighty says: ‘I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.’” (*also violates “is kind,” “does not delight in evil”*)
- Rev. 20:12 “And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.”

“Love does not delight in evil”

- Gen. 22:11-12 “But the angel of [YHWH] called out to him from heaven, ‘Abraham! Abraham!’ ‘Here I am,’ he replied. ‘Do not lay a hand on the boy,’ he said. ‘Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.’”
- Lev. 25:44-46 “Your male and female slaves are to come from the nations around you; from them you may buy slaves. You may also buy some of the temporary residents living among you and members of their clans born in your country, and they will become your property. You can bequeath them to your

children as inherited property and can make them slaves for life, but you must not rule over your fellow Israelites ruthlessly.”

- Numbers 31:1-2, 14-28 “[YHWH] said to Moses, ‘Take vengeance on the Midianites for the Israelites. After that, you will be gathered to your people.’ ... Moses was angry with the officers of the army—the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds—who returned from the battle. ‘Have you allowed all the women to live?’ he asked them. ‘They were the ones who followed Balaam’s advice and enticed the Israelites to be unfaithful to [YHWH] in the Peor incident, so that a plague struck [YHWH]’s people. Now kill all the boys. And kill every woman who has slept with a man, but save for yourselves every girl who has never slept with a man.’”
- Judges 1:22-25 “Now the tribes of Joseph attacked Bethel, and [YHWH] was with them. When they sent men to spy out Bethel (formerly called Luz), the spies saw a man coming out of the city and they said to him, ‘Show us how to get into the city and we will see that you are treated well.’ So he showed them, and they put the city to the sword but spared the man and his whole family.”
- 2 Sam. 21:1, 8-9 “During the reign of David, there was a famine for three successive years; so David sought the face of [YHWH]. [YHWH] said, “It is on account of Saul and his blood-stained house; it is because he put the Gibeonites to death.” ... But the king took Armoni and Mephibosheth, the two sons of Aiah’s daughter Rizpah, whom she had borne to Saul, together with the five sons of Saul’s daughter Merab, whom she had borne to Adriel son of Barzillai the Meholathite. He handed them over to the Gibeonites, who killed them and exposed their bodies on a hill before [YHWH]. All seven of them fell together; they were put to death during the first days of the harvest, just as the barley harvest was beginning.”
- Is. 45:7 “I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, [YHWH], do all these things.”

“[Love] rejoices with the truth.”

- 1 Kings 22:21-23 “Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before [YHWH] and said, ‘I will entice him.’ ‘By what means?’ [YHWH] asked. ‘I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,’ he said. ‘You will succeed in enticing him,’ said [YHWH]. ‘Go and do it.’ So now [YHWH] has put a deceiving spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours. [YHWH] has decreed disaster for you.”
- Ez. 14:9 “And if the prophet is enticed to utter a prophecy, I [YHWH] have enticed that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand against him and destroy him from among my people Israel.”
- 2 Thes. 2:11 “For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie”

“[Love] always protects”

- Josh. 7:10-12 “[YHWH] said to Joshua, ‘Stand up! What are you doing down on your face? Israel has sinned; they have violated my covenant, which I commanded them to keep. They have taken some of the devoted things; they have stolen, they have lied, they have put them with their own possessions. That is why the Israelites cannot stand against their enemies; they turn their backs and run because they have been made liable to destruction. I will not be with you anymore unless you destroy whatever among you is devoted to destruction.’”
- Jud. 10:7 “[YHWH] became angry with them. He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and the Ammonites.”
- Is. 5:5-6 “Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it.’ The vineyard of [YHWH] Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he

delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.”

- Lam. 2:3 “In fierce anger he has cut off every horn of Israel. He has withdrawn his right hand at the approach of the enemy. He has burned in Jacob like a flaming fire that consumes everything around it.” (*also violates “is kind,” “is not easily angered”*)
- Mark 15:34 “And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*’ (which means ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’)”

“[Love] always trusts”

- Is. 29:13 “[YHWH] says: ‘These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.’”
- Mal. 1:10 “‘Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you,’ says [YHWH] Almighty, ‘and I will accept no offering from your hands.’”

“[Love] always hopes”

- Gen. 6:6 “[YHWH] regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.”
- 1 Sam. 15:11 “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.”

“[Love] always perseveres”

- Rom 1:24 “Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts”
- Exodus 9:12 “But [YHWH] hardened Pharaoh’s heart and he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as [YHWH] had said to Moses.”
- Deut. 2:30 “But Sihon king of Heshbon refused to let us pass through. For [YHWH] your God had made his spirit stubborn and his heart obstinate in order to give him into your hands, as he has now done.”
- Josh. 11:20 “For it was [YHWH] himself who hardened their hearts to wage war against Israel, so that he might destroy them totally, exterminating them without mercy, as [YHWH] had commanded Moses.” (*also violates “does not delight in evil”*)
- Is. 63:17 “Why, [YHWH], do you make us wander from your ways and harden our hearts so we do not revere you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes that are your inheritance.”

“Love never fails”

- Matt. 7:13-14 “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” *contrast with* 2 Pet. 3:9 “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”
- 1 John 4:8 “God is Love.”