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**LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS**

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In 1 Corinthians 13:2, Paul states that even if we have all knowledge, and all faith, but do not have love, it means nothing. What makes love so important? In the next several verses, the qualities of love are revealed. Verse 7 in particular discusses the qualities that make love so *strong*.

Love bears all things. When we show love for our brothers and sisters, there is no storm we cannot weather. In 1 Thessalonians 5:14, Paul exhorts us to show our love: “warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.” Also, in Galatians 6:2, Paul says, “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” Each one of us is pummeled daily with the cares of this world. It would be impossible to help one another bear it, without love.

Love believes all things. Hebrews 11 is well-known as the “Hall of Fame of Faith.” In verse 6, we find that without faith, it is impossible to please God. “...he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” We are to trust in the Lord with all our hearts (Proverbs 3:5). While belief in God is primary, we must also believe in one another. Ephesians 4:3 instructs us to endeavor to “keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” We must also live our lives in such a way that people can believe in *us*. The virtuous woman described in Proverbs 31 is a great example: “The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.” There was undoubtedly a great deal of LOVE in that marriage.

Love hopes all things. As Christians who have love, we also have hope. “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28). If we have love, this hope is something we will want to share with those who are currently lost (Colossians 1:27-29).

Love endures all things. “Watch ye, *stand fast* in the faith, quit you like men, be *strong*. Let all your things be done with *charity*.” (1 Corinthians 16:13 & 14). We are encouraged to let our love—and Christ’s love for us—be our fuel to keep on going. Jesus said, “As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.” (John 15:9). How do we do that? By keeping His commandments (verse 10).

We must have love, or all else is in vain. We must strive every day to make LOVE our motivation and fuel so that we can bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, and endure all things.





**ALL THIS FOR “A DOLLAR AN HOUR”**  
(from [www.housetohouse.com](http://www.housetohouse.com))

The government recently calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to 18 and came up with \$160,140 for a middle income family. Talk about sticker shock! That doesn't even touch college tuition. But \$160,140 isn't so bad if you break it down. It translates into \$8,896.66 a year, \$741.38 a month, or \$171.08 week. That's a mere \$24.24 a day! Just over a dollar an hour.

Still, you might think the best financial advice says don't have children if you want to be “rich.” It is just the opposite. What do you get for your \$160,140?

- Naming rights. First, middle, and last!
- Glimpses of God every day.
- Giggles under the covers every night.
- More love than your heart can hold. Butterfly kisses and Velcro hugs.
- Endless wonder over rocks, ants, clouds, and warm cookies.
- A hand to hold, usually covered with jam. A partner for blowing bubbles, flying kites, building sandcastles, and skipping down the sidewalk in the pouring rain.
- Someone to laugh yourself silly with no matter what the boss said or how your stocks performed that day. For \$160,140, you never have to grow up.
- You get to finger-paint, carve pumpkins, play hide-and-seek, & catch lightning bugs. You have an excuse to keep reading the Adventures of Piglet and Pooh, watching Saturday morning cartoons, going to Disney movies, and wishing on stars.
- You get to frame rainbows, hearts, and flowers under refrigerator magnets and collect spray painted noodle wreaths for Christmas, hand prints set in clay for Mother's Day, and cards with backward letters for Father's Day.

For \$160,140, there is no better value out there! You get to be a hero just for retrieving a Frisbee off the garage roof, taking the training wheels off a bike, removing a splinter, filling a wading pool, & coaxing a wad of gum out of bangs.

You get a front row seat to history to witness the first step, first word, first date, and first time behind the wheel. You get another branch added to your family tree, and if you're blessed, a long list of limbs in your obituary called grandchildren. You get an education in psychology, nursing, criminal justice, and communications that no college can match.

In the eyes of a child, you rank right up there. You have all the power to heal a boo-boo, scare away the monsters under the bed, patch a broken heart, police a slumber party, ground them forever, and love them without limits, so one day they will, like you, love without counting the cost.

Enjoy your children and grandchildren!—Author Unknown

**“Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them....” —[Psalm 127:5](#)**



# DAVID'S MEN



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## Themes for bulletin articles for 2015

### December—Love never fails—Natalie Napier

(Article due by 25 Nov 2015)

#### Slow Cooker Chicken Sloppy Joes

##### Ingredients:

1 Tbsp. olive oil

1 Tbsp. brown sugar

1/2 tsp. dry mustard

1 cup Ketchup

1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce

1 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar

2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken breasts

6 Kaiser rolls



##### Directions:

1. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add the olive oil and cook chicken 3-4 minutes per side. Remove and place chicken in bottom of slow cooker.
2. In a small bowl combine brown sugar, mustard, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce and vinegar. Pour over chicken, cover slow cooker and cook on high for 4 hours or until chicken is tender.
3. Remove, shred chicken and return to sauce. Spoon onto rolls before serving.