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# FAMILY ALTAR

Devotional Digest  
(Week 7)

## CoViD-19

As CoViD-19 persists, it is our duty to join God in His mission even in the confines of our homes, by strengthening the family, interceding for one another, and seeing His glory through the times.

CICC's OIKOS Ministry hopes that through this weekly devotional digest, we share this post to fellow CICC-ers to read and discuss together in our homes as one body and in one Spirit.

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## LOVE and HARMONY at HOME

1 Corinthians 13, a famous passage on love, provides us with a backdrop of love expressed in practical ways. Our love for one another is tested in quarantine. But quarantine may be the occasion to grow our capacity for the immeasurable love of God in Christ. He deposits into our love tanks. We get filled. We are ready to be generous in sharing love.



# DAY 1

## LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND

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*“The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.”*

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### READINGS:

Ps. 103:8-10; Luke 15:20-32; 2 Peter 3:9

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. How did the father in the parable show his patience and love toward his two sons?
2. How does the Lord show His patience toward us?
3. Cite some practical steps to bring more love and understanding into your home during this time of self-quarantine.

*PRAYER: Dear Father, You are loving and patient toward us sinners. May we learn to exercise the same toward those we find not so easy to love. Remind us that we, too, were unlovely yet You loved us by Your grace. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.*



## DAY 2

# LOVE DOES NOT ENVY

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*“For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.”*

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### READINGS:

1 Sam. 26:5-25; Prov. 14:30; James 3:16

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. What is the motivation for envious feelings toward others?
2. Saul envied David, but David didn't envy Saul. What do you think kept David from laying his hands on Saul?
3. What results in relationships when envy gets out of hand?

*PRAYER: Gracious God, keep us from desiring what others have when it is not in Your plan for us to possess them. May You fill us with the spirit of contentment that only comes from an intimate relationship with You. In Christ's matchless name, Amen.*



# DAY 3

## LOVE IS NOT BOASTFUL; IT IS NOT PROUD

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*“For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant...”*

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### READINGS:

Dan. 5:13-23; Phil. 2:3-8; 2 Tim. 3:2

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. Compare and contrast Daniel and the king in terms of pride and boasting?
2. What is the solution to pride? How can we humble ourselves before the Lord?
3. In what ways does pride show up in the family and how can we resist it?

*PRAYER: Lord God, Your Son, Jesus, modeled for us genuine humility throughout His life. May we learn from His example. Forgive us when pride gets the better of us, and we act boastfully toward our family members. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.*



DAY 4  
LOVE IS NOT RUDE; IT IS NOT SELFISH

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*“Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.”*

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READINGS:

1 Sam. 25:2-13, 37-38; James 2:15-17

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. Describe the way Nabal acted toward David. How did David react to this?
2. What are some ways we act rudely or selfishly toward family members?
3. What should be our motivation in treating others with courtesy and respect?

*PRAYER: Heavenly Father, selfishness and rudeness have no place in our lives. Yet we often exhibit this among those we live with. May You fill us with Your Holy Spirit, so we can produce the fruit of gentleness and generosity. For Jesus' sake, Amen.*



## DAY 5

# LOVE IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED; IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONG

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*“As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has He removed our transgressions from us.”*

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### READINGS:

Gen. 50:14-21; Ps. 103:11-12; Col. 3:12-13

### QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

1. After the death of their father Jacob, what did the brothers assume Joseph would do to them?
2. Living together for a long time under one roof may cause the flare ups of temper. How can we keep each other from being provoked?
3. What character trait of God is described when He keeps no account of our sins?

*PRAYER: Holy and righteous God, thank You for wiping our sins away and forgiving us completely. Teach us by Your example to forgive and release others from their trespasses against us. In the loving name of Jesus, Amen.*

