

Love is clearly explained in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, "*Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked...*"

### **Where does love come from?**

Thankfully, many people grow up in a home where parents love each other, love their children, and children love their parents. This love results in children also loving others. But the best and highest level of love essential for the happiest of daily living is a product of the Holy Spirit who lives in the heart of every real Christian, "*The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*", Romans 5:5. "*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, . . .*", Galatians 5:22. So, "*Love is from God.*", 1 John 4:7.

**Love is created in your heart as soon as you ask Jesus Christ for the free gift of eternal life. Please ask Him now!**

If you have trusted Christ as your Savior, now become a strong, happy Christian:

1. Study and obey the Bible, 1 Peter 2:2.
2. Pray for guidance and strength, Philippians 4:6-7.
3. Go to church on Sundays, Hebrews 10:25.
4. Tell others every day about Jesus and His wonderful gift of eternal salvation, Acts 2:47.

# **NO MORE BULLYING**



**T**he aggressive and damaging behavior that is commonly referred to today as “bullying” is destructive activity occurring in homes, businesses, schools, and neighborhoods, and has always been with us in various forms and with different labels.

Counselors and psychologists have created various terms helpfully attempting to explain the reasons some people bully. Often the bully does not even know himself why he ridicules, harasses, or injures someone else, and may even think his attitude is normal and acceptable. Some people might even say, “That’s just the way he is.”

However, the one main underlying cause of bullying is pride, that superficial self-analysis that results in a person viewing one’s self as more important than others. A twin layer of pride is lack of love and lack of respect for others. A close companion of these two devastating attitudes is hatred. **Strangely, there are people**

**who simply seem not to like anyone.** We all are aware of that “something” in us that is often referred to as our “dark side”, the negative part of human nature that Scripture identifies as “sin”, that clashes with the positive side of us that was created in us as “*the image of God*”, Genesis 1:27.

Of course, all the effects of bullying are negative and harmful. Living with constant fear of being injured or slandered, as well as being very discouraged about progressing and succeeding in life purposes and goals.

**What are the answers to overcoming the threats of bullying and ending bullying altogether?**

The Bible is the will of God in written form for the lifestyle of all people on earth; and it is, therefore, the most wonderful Book ever written, clearly showing the purpose and procedures

for the happiest and most satisfying earthly existence possible and answers every problem humans could ever have. See the book of Proverbs.

The Lord Jesus told Christians, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*,” Matthew 22:39. “*Love does no wrong to a neighbor*,” Romans 13:10. “*Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others*,” Philippians 2:4. “*You must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’*” Acts 20:35.

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Truth is, then, not one of us is the most important person in the world; all others are as important as I am or you are!

**The cure for the disgusting acts of bullying is the influence of love in the heart and mind of all people.**