

– 1Cor 13.5 –

Love Sermon 6

**Love Is Not Provoked**

1Cor 13.5 [Love] is not provoked

\* What does the Greek word for *provoked* mean?

\* How does irritability contrast with love?

*Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

\* Who is the person Paul is describing, what do they do, and how do they affect others?

*Prov 12.18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise promotes health.*

*Prov 15.4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit.*

\* What is the problem?

\* The big problem is that we always feel \_\_\_\_\_  
in our irritability.

*Mat12.34 "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. 36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."*

\* What is the root cause?

\* What corrective and prescription does James give us?

*Prov 13.10 Only by pride comes contention, but with the well advised is wisdom.*

*James 1.19 [L]et every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

\* As irritability goes up, what goes down, and what else goes up?

\* Some specific applications—

– Spouses

\* Listening requires you to do what?

– Teens

\* When you feel irritated, ask yourself, “Why is my heart \_\_\_\_\_?”

– Parents

\* Irritability thrives in the same environment love does, which is what?

But one will always drive the other one \_\_\_\_\_.