

## How Love Prevails Bible Study

**Objective:** Living out our faith in peace means showing genuine care for others — both those who are like us and those who are different — understanding their needs, and responding with grace, whether the moment calls for patient waiting or swift action. Consideration, empathy, and patience are not just polite behaviors- they are reflections of God’s character. Love is not passive; it is an active, problem-solving source that transforms situations and relationships.

### Key Components

#### Science (S): Emotional Understanding and Self-Awareness

**Objective:**

- Understand how practicing consideration, empathy, and patience impacts our brain, body and relationships.

**Scripture Focus:** *Galatians 5:22 (NIV)*

*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...”*

- **Reflection:** How can we work through these virtues to bring peace and unity among our immediate relations and community.

#### Technology (T): Digital Communication and Self-Control

**Objective:**

- Examine how we can use online communication to show thoughtfulness, empathy, and patience instead of reacting impulsively.

**Scripture Focus:** *1 Corinthians 13:13 (NIV)*

*“And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*

- **Reflection:** When was the last time you paused before posting or replying online?

<p><b>Engineering (E): Building Inner Systems of Character</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore how intentional planning, systems, and decision-making can be shaped by consideration for others and empathy toward their needs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scripture Focus:</b> <i>Galatians 5:22 (NIV)</i></p> <p><i>“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness...”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reflection:</b> How can you “engineer” your daily life to create more space for listening, patience, and understanding toward others?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Arts (A): Expressing Care and Understanding Creatively</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore how creative outlets can communicate compassion, tell others’ stories, and encourage patience through shared experiences.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scripture Focus:</b> <i>Romans 12:15 (NIV)</i></p> <p><i>“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reflection:</b> How can art— whether visual, musical, or written— help you step into someone else’s shoes?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Math (M): Measured Responses and Wise Timing</b></p> <p><b>Objective:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognize the importance of timing and proportion in responses, much like calculations in mathematics. Consider how patience requires a deliberate choice to respond with wisdom.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scripture Focus:</b> <i>Ephesians 4:2 (NIV)</i></p> <p><i>“Be completely humble and gently; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reflection:</b> Think of a recent time you reacted too quickly. How might waiting or measuring your words and actions have changed the outcome?</li> </ul>

**Social Studies (SS): Strengthening Communities Through Empathy**

**Objective:**

- Explore how communities and societies thrive when members practice consideration, empathy, and patience.

**Scripture Focus:** *Colossians 3:13 (NIV)*

*"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."*

- **Reflection:** What role do these virtues play in resolving conflict and fostering unity? How can you personally contribute to a more understanding community?

**Key Takeaways**

Consideration, empathy, and patience are not just admirable traits— they are godly disciplines that transform our interactions. By practicing these virtues in our personal lives, online presence, creative expression, decision-making, and community relationships, we reflect God's love and invite His peace into the world.

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