

**GROWING A GODLY LIFESTYLE—7**  
**“... and to brotherly kindness, CHARITY...”**  
2 Peter 2:7e; 1 Peter 4:8

Introduction--It is here that Peter rehashes their memory of the influence of CHARITY:

**I. FIRST, JUST WHAT IS CHARITY?**

The word means, “to be long-spirited, forbearing and patient, with slowness in avenging wrongs.”

- A. First, it is longsuffering (1 Corinthians 13:4) “*Charity suffering long...*”
- B. Secondly, it is kind. (1 Corinthians 13:4)

**II. SECONDLY, NOTE WHAT IT IS NOT. (1 Corinthians 13:3-6)**

- A. First, charity doesn't envy (13:4b) “... *charity envieth not...*”
- B. Secondly, charity doesn't brag (13:4c) “... *charity vaunteth not itself...*”
- C. Thirdly, charity isn't proud (13:4d) “... *is not puffed up.*”
- D. Fourthly, charity isn't indecent (13:5a) “*Doth not behave itself unseemingly...*”
- E. Fifthly, charity isn't selfish (13:5b) “... *seeketh not her own...*”
- F. Sixthly, charity is never angry (13:5c) “... *is not easily provoked...*”
- G. Seventhly, charity never promotes evil thinking (13:5d) “... *thinketh no evil;...*”

H. Eighthly, charity is not unjust (13:6) “*Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in truth.*”

**III. THIRDLY, JUST WHAT DOES CHARITY DO? (1 Corinthians 13:8; 1 Peter 4:8).**

- A. First, charity never fails (13:8a) “*Charity never faileth...*”
- B. Secondly, charity always edifies (8:1c) “... *Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.*”
- C. Thirdly, charity does cover a multitude of sins (1 Peter 4:8).

**IV. FOURTHLY, JUST \_\_\_\_\_ IS CHARITY ADDED TO OUR FAITH?**

- A. First, we can \_\_\_\_\_ after it (14:1).
- B. Secondly, we can add to it by \_\_\_\_\_ it on (Colossians 3:14).
- C. Thirdly, by being an \_\_\_\_\_ of it (1 Timothy 4:12).

**V. FOURTHLY, JUST \_\_\_\_\_ SHOULD CHARITY BE TOWARD?**

- A. First, it should be toward the \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 22:37)
- B. Secondly, it should be toward our \_\_\_\_\_ (Galatians 5:14).
- C. Thirdly, it should be toward your \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 5:25ff).
- D. Fourthly, it should be toward your \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 5:44).
- E. Fifthly, it should be toward the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 13:24).