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## **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

### **"Troubleshooting"**

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Last week we discussed Hebrews 12:1-3: "Run Until You Finish". At the beginning of this brand new year we wanted to encourage your hearts to stay the course and hit the ground running, accelerate...

But what happens when you hit a snag or you are diverted from your intended course and thrown off track in life, ministry or a relationships? It is likened to troubleshooting an electronic system. The goal of the troubleshooter is to determine why something does not work as expected and how to resolve the problem. Troubleshooting requires following a few basic steps. I believe the key to troubleshooting is to remember: For every question, there is an answer. For every problem there is a solution. Let us view how we may apply and incorporate these same principles into our daily lives.

### **Trace the source and root cause of the hindrance:**

Love must be your foundation. Agape love.

**1 Corinthians 13:4** NIV Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **8a** Love never fails...

### **Gather information:**

Over a period of time problems can escalate if gone undetected or skimmed over. Careful examination is necessary. Ineffective communication can lead to misunderstandings, hurt feelings, distancing yourself from others and even arguments.

**Matthew 6:33** KJV *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.* Gather the facts, not opinions:

**Romans 14:1** NIV *"Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. Ask God to rain on the field of your heart:*

**Hosea 10:12** NLT *"Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek The Lord, that He may come and shower righteousness upon you."*

**Song:** *"Rain on My Field"* by Carlton Pearson **Song:** *"It's So Hard to Get Along"* by Dottie Peoples

**Identify the problem:**

Snags will occur if there is a "Loss of Communication". Satan is at work confusing the minds of many today. Confusing those who are sitting idle, unforgiving, angry, etc. If I can't hear you and you can't hear me, we are too far apart. This creates a breach (gap, barrier) in our line of communication. **Ephesians 4:26** NIV *In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, (Be a part of the solution, not the problem.)*

**Philippians 2:1** NLT *Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from His love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? 2 Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. 3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.*  
**Song:** *"Yes"* by Shekinah Glory...*Will your heart and soul say yes?*

**1 Corinthians 14:33** *For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

**Determine the most probable cause of the snag:**

**John 10:10** *"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

**James 4:6** NIV *..."God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."*

**Implement the Solution:**

**Isaiah 1:18** *"Come now, and let us reason together," saith The Lord:,* **Isaiah 55:11** KJV *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."*

**Proverbs 16:3** NIV *"Commit to The Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans.*

**1 John 5:14** KJV *And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us.*

**James 1:6** KJV *"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering..."*

### **Analyze the results:**

**Joshua 1:8** NIV *"Keep this book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."*

**Deuteronomy 28:1** KJV *"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:*

*2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. 3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.*

### **Document the process:**

**Matthew 4:1** KJV *"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 3 And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But He answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

*7 Jesus answered him, "It is written, Do not put the Lord your God to the test."*

Jesus' ministry began with this temptation in the wilderness. He had been fasting for forty days and forty nights, and was hungry. Satan wanted to ruin and distract Jesus from His assignment. The fight is fixed, the devil cannot win.

**Song:** *"You Can Make It"* by Betty Griffin Keller

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