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**Is Your "God" a Loving God? Part 1**

**I Corinthians 13:4**

**Intro: I John 4:7-8**

We are going to examine this passage in the light of the character of God.

**I. Here are the truths in this passage regarding our God.**

**A.** God is \_\_\_\_\_! V. 4 His plans may take \_\_\_\_\_.

"Behold I come quickly." **Revelation 22:12a**

**B.** God is \_\_\_\_\_. V. 4 **Romans 2:4**

**C.** God does not \_\_\_\_\_ what another has. V. 4 He \_\_\_\_\_ bad things to happen for loving purposes only.

**D.** God does not \_\_\_\_\_. V. 4 Any apparent bragging in Scripture is merely stating the truth when his \_\_\_\_\_ is challenged.

**E.** God is not \_\_\_\_\_. V. 4 The false gods ask their followers to die for them, our God sent His Son to die for us. This is the height of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Philippians 2:5-8**

**II. Let us go through these character traits of God in \_\_\_\_\_. Asking the Holy Spirit to remove any lies that we may have about our Father in Heaven.**

Lord, forgive me for thinking that you were running out of patience with me.

Lord, forgive me for thinking that you intentionally hurt me when I do not behave as I should. Your discipline is always for my good and it is usually just the consequence of my actions that you allow me to experience.

Lord, forgive me for placing myself, my family, and my possessions as equal to you. Everything that I have, you have given it to me. Remind me that you take nothing that isn't yours already.

Lord, forgive me for thinking that I have the right to take offense at statements that you make about yourself in Scripture. It is not boasting if it is true. You are God and I am not!

Lord, I praise you for dying on the cross for me. This ultimate show of humility needs to become my goal. May I be willing to love as you love!