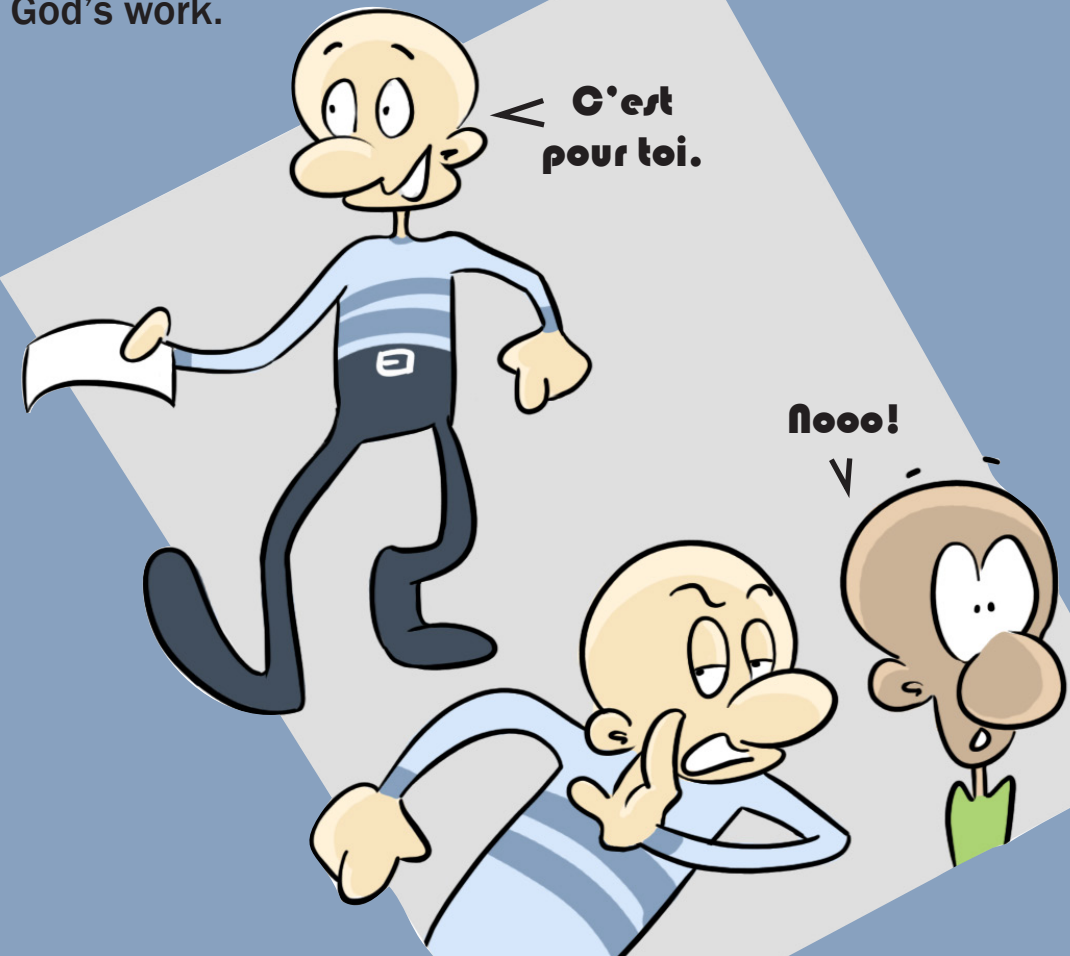


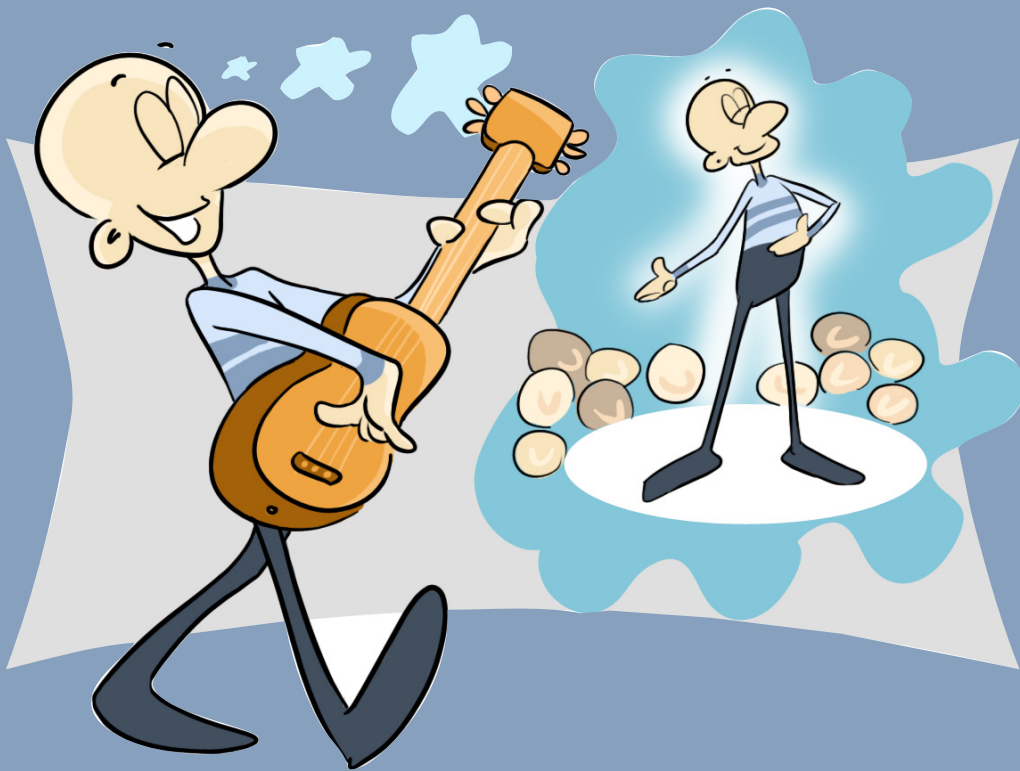
1 Corinthians 13 for You Today!

—Let love rule your actions

1. Even if I can speak many different languages, and use those languages to do things for others, and I excel in my studies, if I also gossip or speak negatively about others, then I'm being a negative influence on those around me and on God's work.

2. If I am always faithful to have time reading God's Word, have more Bible verses memorized than any of my friends, and can pray what seems like full-of-faith prayers, but at the same time I'm selfish, unkind, and proud in my interactions with others, then all these other good things I do mean nothing to Jesus.





3. I might visit and do kind deeds for the orphans in our city with my parents, and maybe sometimes I even give poor children some of my clothing and toys. But if I'm only doing it to impress those who might be watching, or because it makes me feel proud of myself, then Jesus can't bless me.

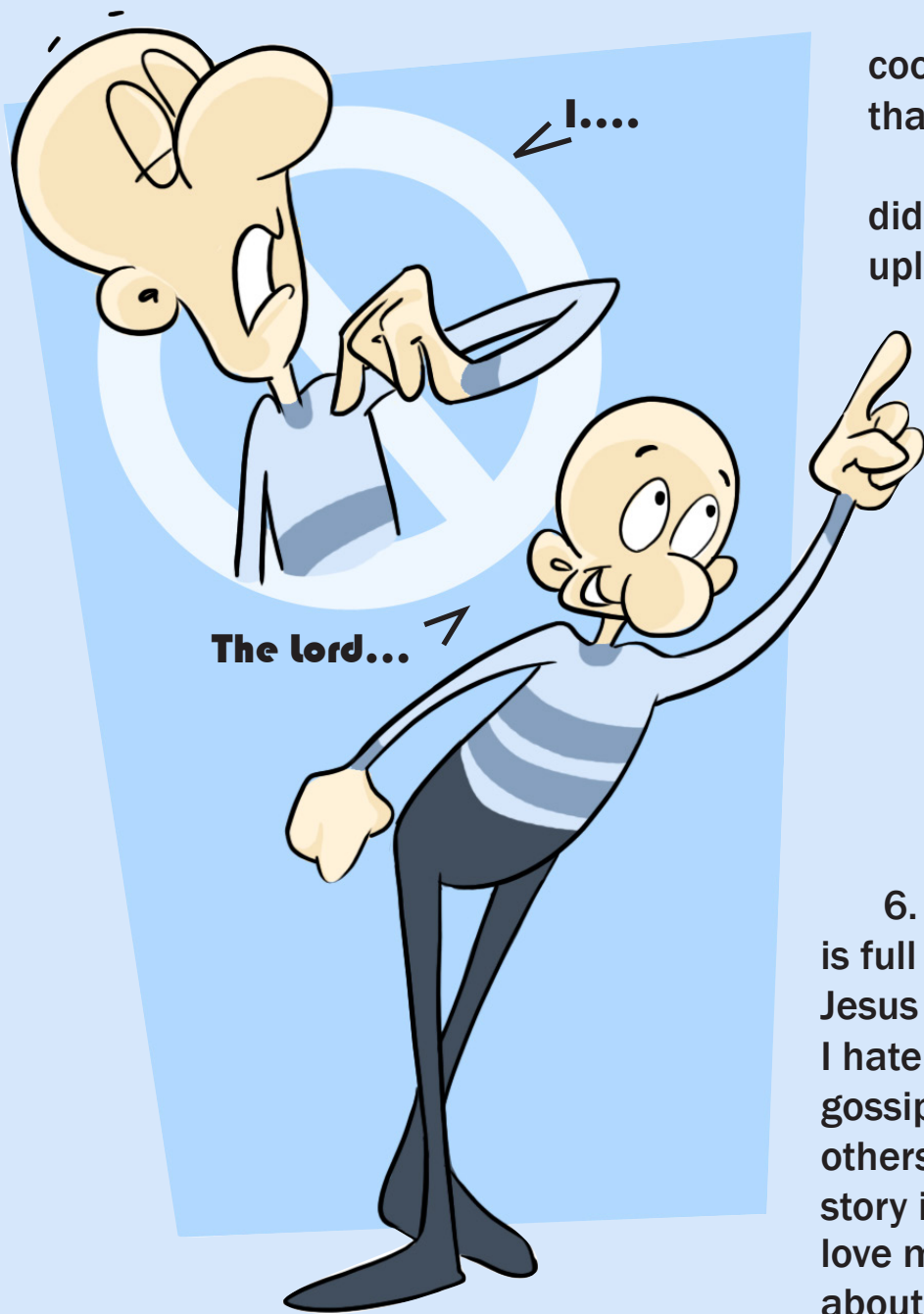
4. Real love means to be kind, humble, and patient with my friends or younger brothers and sisters, even if I think they tease or annoy me on purpose.

It means being nice to someone, even if they have something I want and they won't let me borrow it. It's being sweet even when my peers won't help me with something when I ask them to.



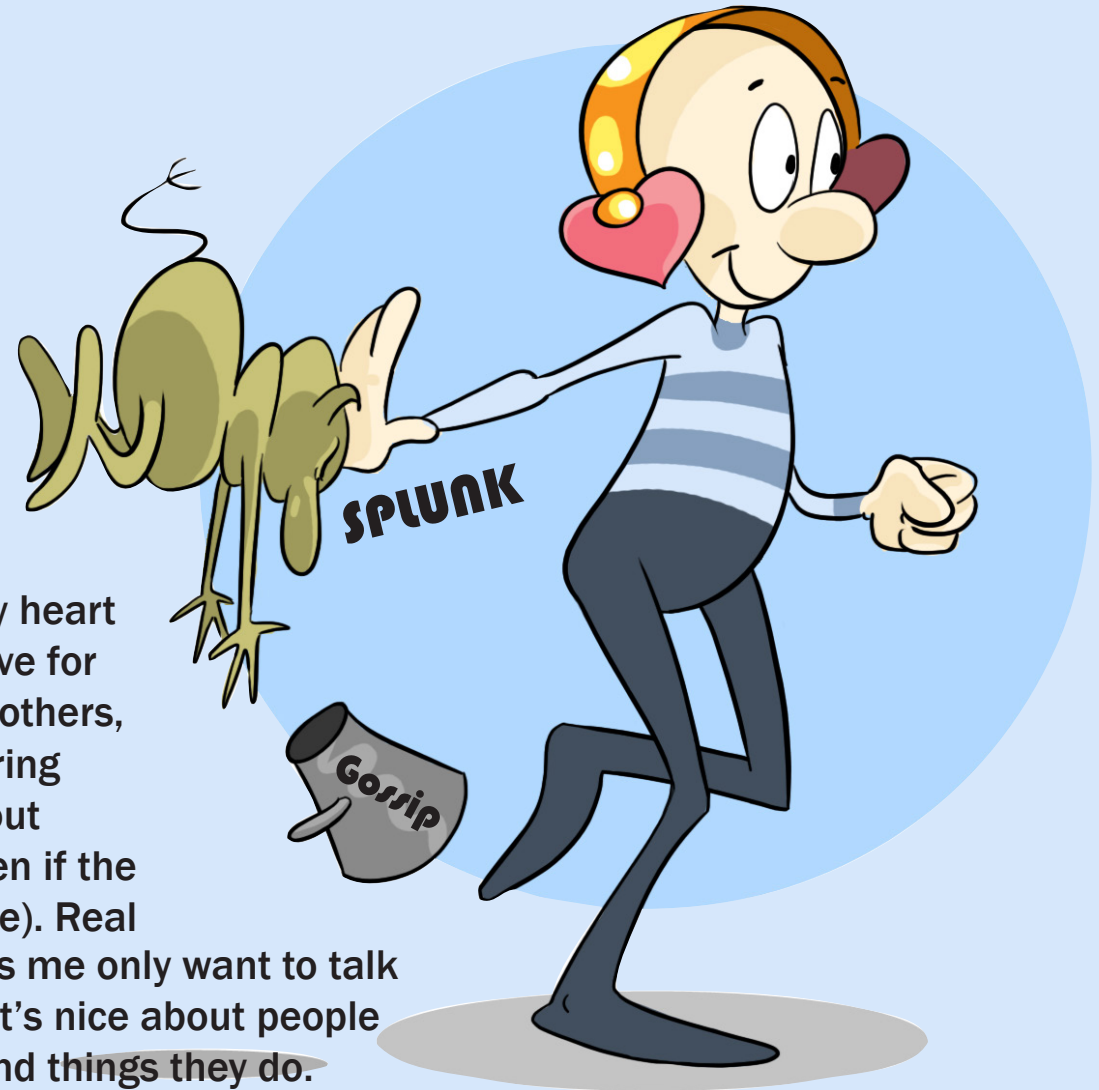
Aw, you're a great little bro!





5. Being loving means I don't brag or act proud about the kind or cool things I think I can do. Instead, love reminds me to tell people that it's Jesus who helps me to do good things.

When I am bugged or feel angry at someone for something they did that made me unhappy, real love means thinking positive and uplifting thoughts about the person instead.

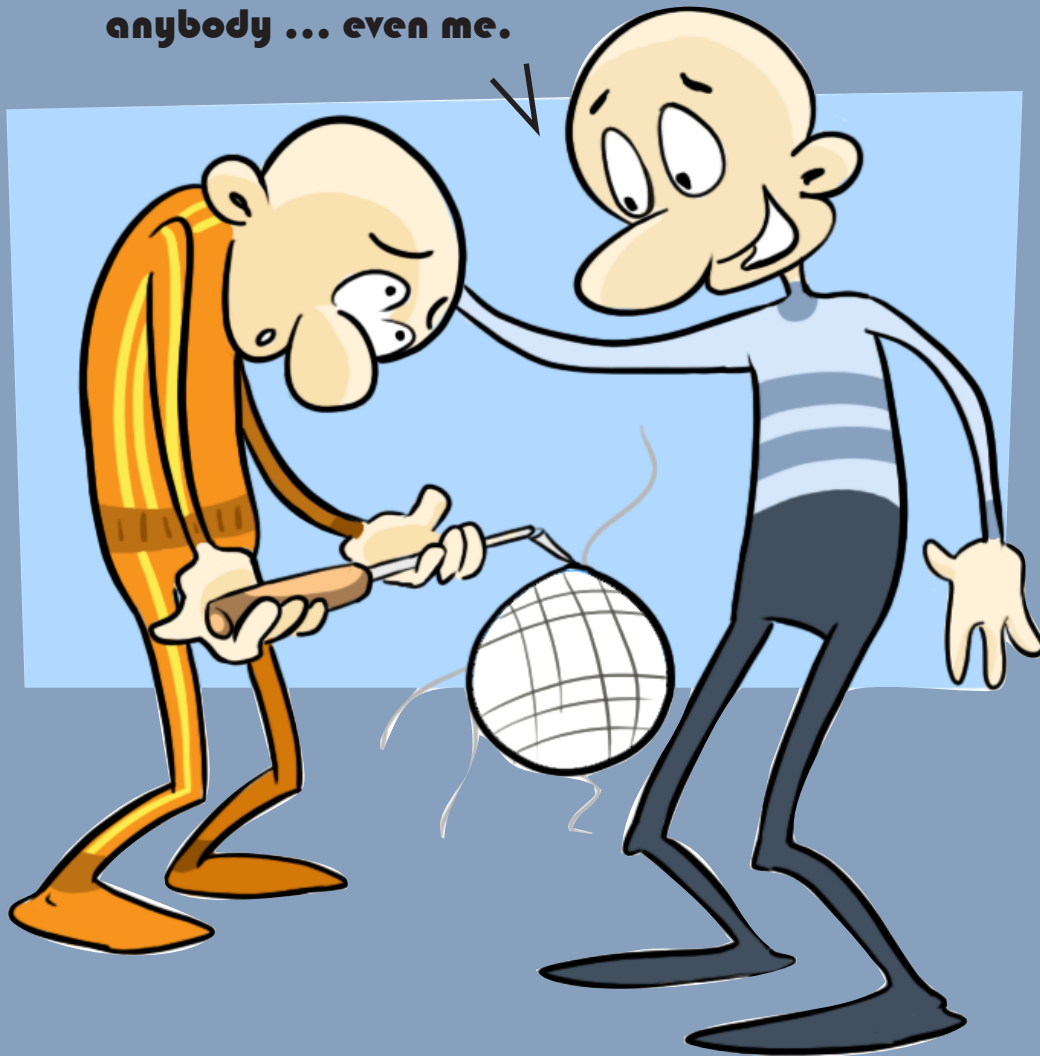


6. If my heart is full of love for Jesus and others, I hate hearing gossip about others (even if the story is true). Real love makes me only want to talk about what's nice about people and the kind things they do.

7. When real love motivates me in all I do, it is easier for me to be obedient, trusting, and flexible.

I will do what my parents or teachers ask me to do without arguing.

That's okay. It could have happened to anybody ... even me.



**Yes, Ma'am!
I'd be happy
to do two
extra pages.**



I can show love by letting a friend choose what we can do for an activity together, or by giving a sibling the opportunity to choose a serving of a favorite food ahead of me.

Love will help me give others the benefit of the doubt and believe that they are trying to do their best. If they make mistakes, love will help me to forgive them. When I have real love, I won't run out of faith and patience for others.



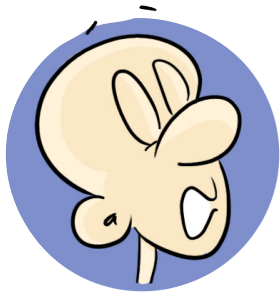
I'm so glad you enjoy my car!



8. Sometimes it's difficult to know what to do when someone hurts my feelings with something that he or she says, takes something away from me, or makes me feel left out of an activity. But real love encourages me to ask Jesus how I should react and what I should do. It motivates me to be positive and full of praise to Jesus.

9. Jesus can never fail, but I can fail. I can be unloving and impatient. Jesus can help me to show love and to make the right choices.

10. Jesus can help me have a loving attitude, no matter how difficult it is sometimes to be loving and positive.



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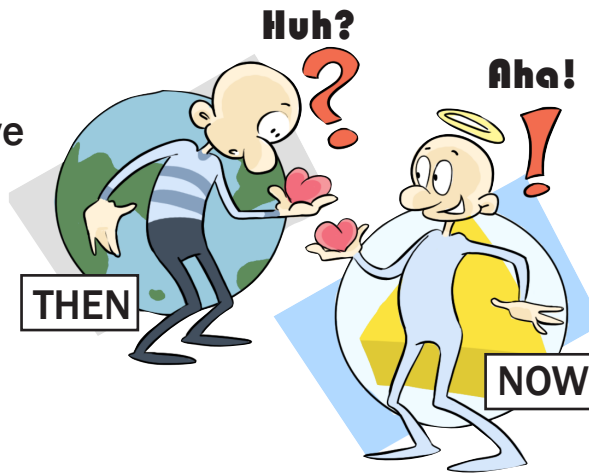
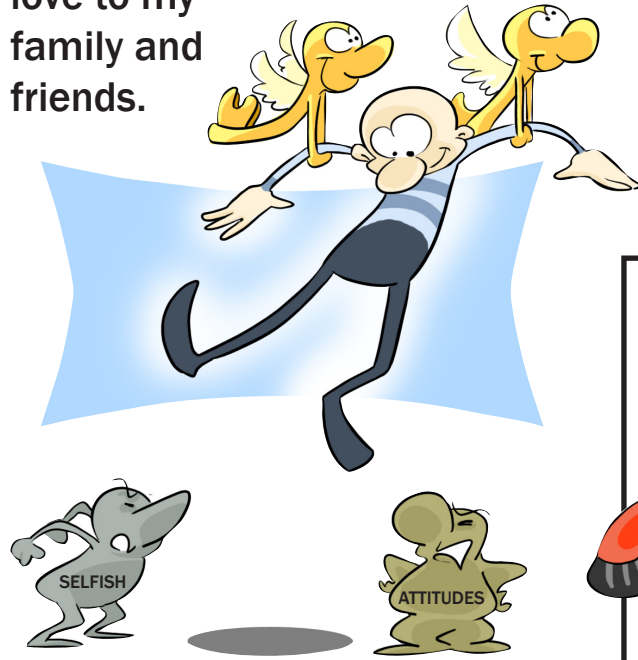
COMPLAINING



LAZY

11. It's easy for me to be proud or unloving or feel like complaining or being lazy. But Jesus needs me to show His love to everyone, including my peers.

I can pray for God's Holy Spirit to fill me with more love to help me rise above my selfish attitudes and to show more love to my family and friends.



12. Right now, while we live in this imperfect world, it's not always easy to show true love to others. Sometimes I don't even realize when I mess up and don't show the love that Jesus wants me to show. But when I get to heaven and live in God's perfect kingdom where love will be everywhere, then I'll fully understand how to love others.

