

Reckless Love

“The Problem with Termites”

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

How Can I Avoid Relational Termites?

1. By avoiding *insensitive complacency*.

- **Heb. 13:4a:** *“Marriage should be honored by all...”*

2. By avoiding *fatal distractions*.

- **Heb. 13:4:** *“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.”*

3. By avoiding *“til debt do us part.”*

- **Heb. 13:5-6:** *“Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’⁶So we say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?’”*

4. By avoiding *spiritual apathy*.

- **Heb. 13:7-8:** *“Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”*

5. By avoiding *schedule overload*.

- **Heb. 13:9a:** *“Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings.”*

