#### Me noun

vīb / plural vibes

A person's emotional state as communicated to others; the atmosphere created by the disposition of our being.

A practical description of a deeply spiritual reality.

<sup>2</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)





## The Vibe of Love

- The Apostle (Paul): "Love is the most excellent way."
- The Theologian (Augustine): "Every city or society of men is held together by some law, and the city of God is held together by the law of love."
- The Reformer (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr): "Love will have the final word."
- The Pastor (Howard Thurman): "Love has no awareness of merit or demerit; it has no scale. Love loves; this is its nature."

The Poet (Virgil): "Love conquers all."

The Historian (Arnold Toynbee): "Love is the ultimate force that makes for the saving choice of life and good against the damning choice of death and evil."

**The Novelist (Victor Hugo)**: "The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved -- loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves."

The Activist (Gandhi): "Where there is love there is life" and "The real love is to love them that hate you, to love your neighbor even though you distrust him."

The Humanitarian (Mother Teresa): "Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand."

The Preacher (E.K. Bailey): "You can break God's heart, but you can't break God's love."

God's unconditional, holy affection for us; His unquenchable benevolence toward us

### The Vibe of Love

God's love fills my life, and I'm ready to share it The absence of God's love for yourself results in deep neediness.

"[Neediness] is the son of poverty." Plato 1...And yet I will show you the most excellent way . . . Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. •It does not dishonor others, it is not selfseeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:4-8, 11 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails... "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

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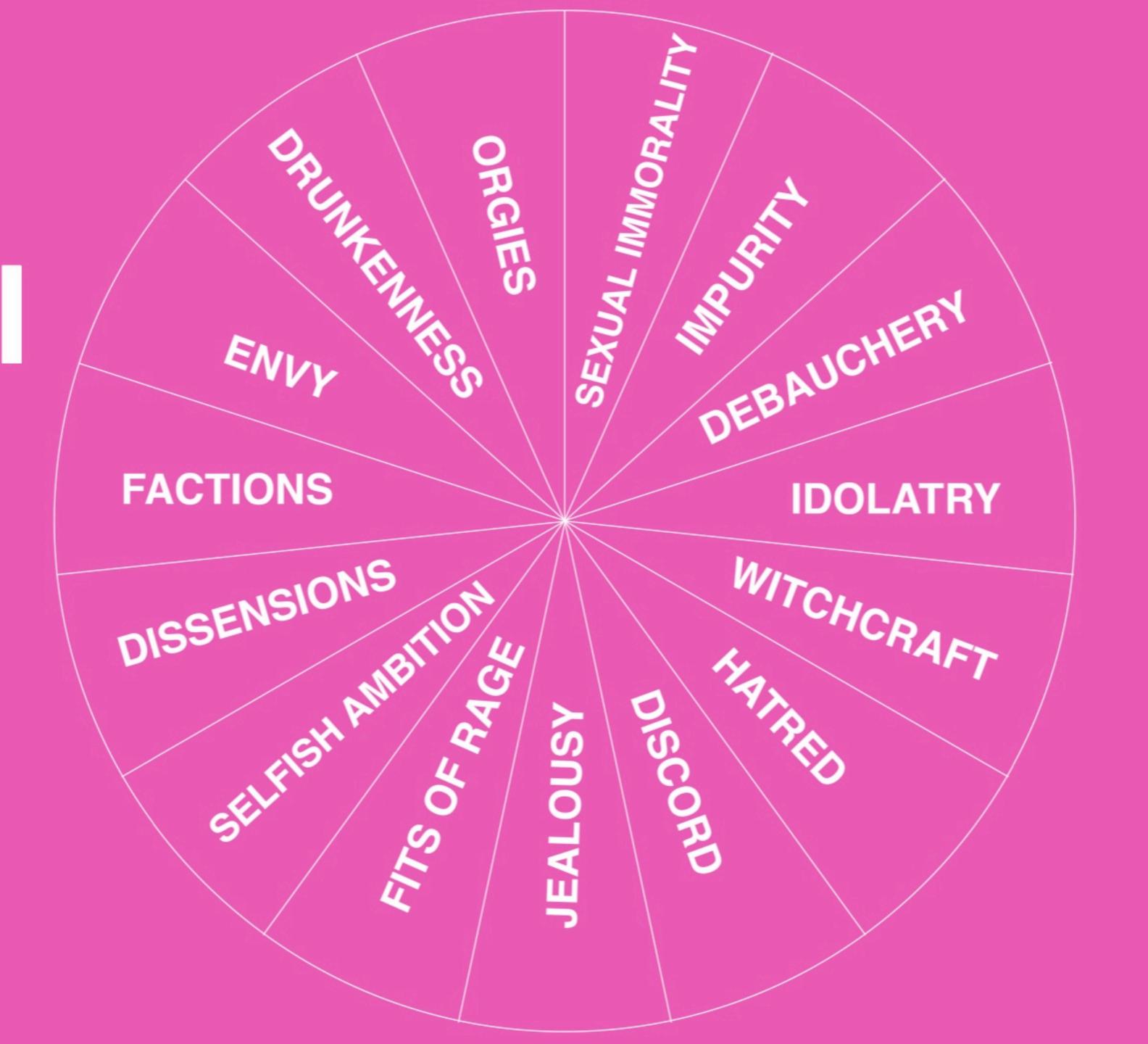
### Lifts Us

## Stops Us

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1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (NIV)

# The Wheel of the Flesh



## The Wheel of Love



### The Boxer Rebellion China, 1899-1901



Later, nine young boys asked the church to pray they would find grace and forgive.

The crowd then tore up the list of 250 names and stomped on the remains.

## Grows Us

"When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

1 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV)