

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gifts Part 5: Love is the Foundation

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 – Importance of Love

Love is necessary. Gifts are meaningless without love. Loving God and loving others are our primary objectives.

Matthew 22:36-40; John 13:34-35

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 – What is Love?

Love is BEING...

- Patient – long suffering – long-tempered – referring to people not circumstances.
- Kind – useful – serving – gracious – active goodwill
- Not Envy – kin to covet
- Not boastful – don't be conceited
- Not arrogant – opposite of living a life of repentance.
- Not rude – poor manors.
- Not self-seeking – not selfish.
- Not irritable – not given to anger.
- Not keep a record of wrongs – bitterness sets in when you keep a list of how you've been wronged. We don't build and store up for later.
- Not joy in unrighteousness – don't treat evil as if it's good
- Rejoices in the Truth – celebrates good

Love provides a powerful ability to create healthy relationships.

- Bears all things – continues to advocate and protect truth
- Believes all things – continues to trust in truth
- Hopes all things – continues to have faith in truth
- Endures all things – continues to walk in truth

MacArthur Commentary page 355: *Love bears what otherwise is unbearable; it believes what otherwise is unbelievable; it hopes in what otherwise is hopeless; and it endures when anything less than love would give up. After love bears, it believes. After it believes, it hopes. After it hopes, it endures. There is no "after" for endurance, for endurance is the unending climax of love.*

1 Corinthians 13:8-13 – Love will Last

- Love never ends.