

Love, the Heart of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



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1. Opening

Open your heart by briefly sharing your weekly life.

2. Reading the Word

Read together 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 and watch the clip.



3. Questions and Applications

1. What is the result of using spiritual gifts without love? (vv.1-3)
Why does the passage emphasize that without love one 'becomes nothing' or 'gains nothing'?
2. What are the characteristics of love that Paul mentions? (vv.4-7)
Replace the word 'love' with your own name and re-read the passage.
3. When Paul states in 12:31 to 'eagerly desire the greater gifts' what does he mean here by 'the greater gifts'? What do you think is implied by this term?
4. Which spiritual gifts do you believe God has given to you? Also, how did you feel in your heart when you used those gifts to serve the Church and the neighbors?
(e.g. love, sense of duty, sympathy, personal ambition, desire for blessings, etc.)
5. Which characteristics of love do you need to improve on? What do you expect will change as you begin to practice love in your home, church, and workplace?

PRAY TOGETHER

Let us pray that we will continue to live in love in the midst of all busyness and keep the heart of love even when we face misunderstanding or persecution. Let us also pray for protection over our church and communities not to be affected by those who use their gifts without love.