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1 Corinthians 13:1-13 – 14:1-25

Love is the foundation and unifying act for all relationships. We have to start with love to have a right relationship with God and with each other. Love will bring us together if we love in the way God desires for us. Pursuing spiritual gifts that help the church is showing love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

No matter what gifts we have, if we do not act with love toward our neighbors, then our gifts are of no use.

Why is love so important?

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is many positive things.

With so many positives for love why is hate so strong?

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Love requires maturity. Immature love is very self-centered.

What is the danger of establishing a “love” relationship while still immature?

1 Corinthians 14:1-5

The two gifts that Paul highlights are speaking in tongues and prophecy. Both are acts of love. One is a special language between God's worshippers and God. The other is a loving communication from God to God's people through a prophet.

In what ways can the gift of prophecy build up the church and be an example of the act of love?

1 Corinthians 14:6-19

The differences in how we communicate with each other through language can make it difficult to express love and have that expression understood. When we strive for excellence in spiritual gifts we should be able to mature in our gifts in a way that benefits a wide range of people.

How is allowing God to use us in ways we might not have imagined to grow us to mature spiritually for the benefit of other people an act of love?

1 Corinthians 14:20-25

We must be mindful that not everyone will understand the spiritual gifts that are operating in each church. Discernment on how to guide those new to Christ about these gifts is necessary.

How can the presence of spiritual gifts in a church turn people away?
