

WHAT MATTERS MOST
All About Love: 1 Cor. 13
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“There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I don’t have space to store my goods?’ Then he said, ‘Here’s what I’ll do: I’ll tear down my barns and build me larger ones! Then I’ll say to myself, ‘I have so many good things stored up for me - now rest, eat, drink, and be merry!’” But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and then to whom will all your things belong?’ Thus will it be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God.” Luke 2:16-21 (NAB)

“If you are a follower of Christ Jesus ... All that matters is your faith that makes you love others.” Gal. 5:6 (CEV)

IF I DON’T LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE...

1. ...NOTHING _____ WILL MATTER.

“If I could speak in any language in heaven or on earth but didn’t love others, I would only be making meaningless noise like a loud gong or a clanging cymbal.” 1 Cor. 13:1 (NLT)

2. ...NOTHING _____ WILL MATTER.

“I may have the gift of prophecy. I may understand all the secret things of God and have all knowledge. But if I do not have love, then I am nothing” 1 Cor. 13:2a (NCV)

3. ...NOTHING _____ WILL MATTER.

“Even if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, I would still be worth nothing at all without love.” 1 Cor. 13:2b (LB)

4. ...NOTHING _____ WILL MATTER.

“If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, but didn’t love others, I would be of no value whatsoever.” 1 Cor. 13:3a (NLT)

5. ...NOTHING _____ WILL MATTER.

“So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I’m bankrupt without love.” Cor. 13:3b (Mes)

WHAT IS LOVE?

o LOVE IS A _____

“Love means doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another” 2 John 1:6 (NLT)

o LOVE IS A _____

“Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it—because it does!” 1 Cor. 14:1a (Mes)

o LOVE IS A _____

“Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.” 1 John 3:18 (LB)

o LOVE IS A _____

“God is love. If we keep on loving others, we will stay one in our hearts with God, and he will stay one with us.” 1 John 4:16 (CEV)

HOW TO BUILD A LIFE OF LOVE

1. _____ *how mature love acts and responds.*
2. _____ *your day with a daily reminder to love.*
3. _____ *what God says about love.*
4. _____ *acting in unselfish, loving ways.*
5. _____ *from other loving people.*

“Keep company with God and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.” Eph. 5:2 (Mes)

“In this life we have three lasting qualities: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love!” 1 Cor 13:13 (Ph)