

THE BEST GIFT – LOVE

1 Corinthians 13

1. If my faith doesn't lead me to love, then nothing I **say** will matter.
 - **1 Cor. 13:1** - *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.*
2. If my faith doesn't lead me to love, then nothing I **know** will matter.
 - **1 Cor. 13:2a** - *And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge ... but have not love, I am nothing.*
3. If my faith doesn't lead me to love, then nothing I **believe** will matter.
 - **1 Cor. 13:2b** - *...and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.*
4. If my faith doesn't lead me to love, then nothing I **give** will matter.
 - **1 Cor. 13:3** - *And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.*

5. If my faith doesn't lead me to love, then nothing I **accomplish** will matter.
 - **1 Cor. 13:3b** - *It profits me nothing.*

What is love?

1. The Bible says that love is a **command**. (2 Jn. 5-6)
2. The Bible says that love is a **choice**. (1 Cor. 14:1)
3. The Bible says that love is a **conduct**. (1 Jn. 3:18)
4. The Bible says that love is a **commitment**. (1 Jn. 4:16)

Questions:

- Is your claim to faith backed up by **living a life of love**?
- Does the exercise of spiritual gifts seem like an **improbability** in your life?
- Have you **squelched** love in your life that was there before?
- Has the love of God ever been **present**?

Romans 5:5 - Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

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