

Love

I. Why love?

- a. Without love, nothing I do matters

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 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned,[a] but have not love, it profits me nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

- b. We were loved first
 - i. God made us in His image. God is love. So we should love. We are made to love.
 - ii. Love others because He who loved us first wants us to love.
- c. Love is satisfying

II. What is love?

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

III. How to love?

- a. You must know Love in order to love. Know God.
- b. CHOOSE to love
- c. Love does not parade itself, is not puffed up = HUMILITY

Humility = Not thinking less of myself, it's thinking of myself less (Thinking of others more)

[Submit to God, Resist the Devil] Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

-1 Peter 5:5