

**Spiritual Gifts Part 3- The Motivation of Spiritual Gifts**

Lesson 7

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gifts, gifts, gifts! The Corinthians were obsessed with gifts. They wanted to speak in tongues, perform miracles, prophecy, and more. They struggled to accept their own roles in the body. As we’ve seen, it took some work for them to embrace their God-given diversity and walk in unity. Paul promised to show them “a more excellent way (12:31). Nothing else in our Christian life and service matters if it is not done in Christlike **love**.

**Understand that love is essential (vs. 1-3).**

* Spiritual gifts are useless without love.
* Sacrifices are useless without love.

**Understand that love is extensive (vs. 4-7).**

* What love does (v. 4a):
  + Love demonstrates patience.
  + Love practices kindness.
* What love doesn’t do (vs. 4b-6):
  + Love doesn't harbor jealousy.
  + Love doesn't brag.
  + Love doesn't inflate arrogance.
  + Love doesn't act rudely.
  + Love doesn't prioritize self.
  + Love doesn't react angrily.
  + Love doesn't keep score of wrongdoing.
  + Love doesn't rejoice in failures.
* More things that love does (v. 7):
  + Love puts up with everything.
  + Love believes the best in everything.
  + Love hopefully trusts God in everything.
  + Love vigorously stands through everything.

**Understand that love endures (vs. 8-13).**

* Love lasts forever (v. 8a).
* Other things expire (vs. 8b-13):
  + Certain spiritual gifts
  + 2 Illustrations: Growing up & a mirror
  + Faith & hope

**Prayer**

**Scripture**: 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. 11Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

1 John 4:8-11

**College Student of the Week: Max Garcia**

* Student at Ivy Tech (transferring to IWU)
* Accounting Classes

**Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:**

* Cross Impact IUPUI-
  + First meeting this week
  + Evangelistic Studies beginning
  + Callout Meeting next week
* Single Focus
  + God’s Leading for 2023
* Purdue Cross Impact Efforts at Purdue & UIndy

**Specific Requests:**

* Dornbirers’ dad continued cancer journey
* Jack and Kendall Elms in military training/service
* Henry’s unsaved friend Jeff
* Joseph LaPointe’s back and spirit
* Trevor’s need for a second job and community at Indiana State
* Jessica’s Unsaved friend in Mormonism
* Jessica’s parents selling their home
* Gabe’s back and knee issues
* Daniel Pace’s dad in the hospital- heart failure

**Announcements:**

* Saturday, Mark 11- Kid’s Activity (All-Family Fellowship Weekend)
* Sunday, March 12- Sunday Night Fellowship- Prayer Night (location TBD)