

Faith, Hope, and Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Gifts without love amount to nothing

- Love is to improve the church (1-3)
- Love is not promoting yourself before others

The Portrait of Love

- Love is to strengthen character in the church (4-7)
- Characteristics of Love
 - Love is patient and kind to others (vs.4) (*Ex. 34:6-7; 2 Pet. 3:9*)
 - Love does not envy or boast over others (vs.4) (*Phil. 2:6-8*)
 - Love is not arrogant or rude to one another (vs.5)
 - Love is not easily angered towards one another (vs.5) (*Gal. 5:22,23*)
 - Love keeps no record of wrongs towards one another (vs.5) (*Eph. 4:32*)
 - Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth with others (vs.6)
 - Love always protects others (vs.7)
 - Love always trusts others (vs.7)
 - Trust is built through forgiveness (*Col. 3:13*)
 - Trust is built through active love and vulnerability
 - Trust God above all others (*Prov. 3:5,6*)
 - Love always hopes with others (vs.7) (*Heb. 10:23-25*)
 - Love always perseveres (vs.7) (*Matt. 22:37-40*)

Reflection and Action:

Pray for a heart to love others.

Pray for the characteristics of love to be active in our lives.

Pray for spiritual growth.

Pray for unity in the church.