

Living Insight

The church of Christ in Corinth in the first century had a serious love problem. The members of that church did not love each other deeply enough. They were selfish and immature. There were divisions and constant quarreling. Paul cared so much for that church that he addressed their love problem. He shared with them how love is patient and kind, not envious and puffed up. Brothers and sisters do not think evil of one another. Instead there is so much edification. He challenged them to choose the way of love. Let's accept his challenge.

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The Awesome Power of Love



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Sermon Outline

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Date: Sunday, February 2, 2014

Time: 11:00 A.M.

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I. Introduction: The Greatest Gift is Powerful.

A. Without love, where would be now?

1. Paul understood something about love.
2. His **“children”** argued and compared gifts.
3. Tongues & prophesy are nothing without love.

B. *Love is the gift that keeps on giving.*

1. It keeps husbands and wives together.
2. It fortifies and builds strong Christians.
3. Love keeps a church from tearing itself apart.

C. **We must learn three important Love Lessons.**

1. We must learn how to love God first.
2. We must learn how to really love one another.
3. We have to learn how to love the lost.

II. Body: There is Awesome Power in Christ-like Love!

A. When we love **God first**, we obey His commands.

1. Why do people not obey God? ~ *John 14:15*
2. The issue with the disobedient person is love.
3. Jesus challenged Peter with 3 love questions.

B. **Do we really love one another in Christ?**

1. How does God spell love? ~ *1 Corinthians 13*
2. There is power in **“one another love.”**
3. We know God through love. ~ *1 John 4:7-11*

C. Have we developed a deep love for the lost?

1. Jesus loved lost people. ~ *Mark 10:17-22*
2. The rich young ruler was lost and knew it!
3. Jesus loved him enough to tell him the truth.
4. After hearing the truth, he chose to stay lost.

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III. Conclusion: Do we love like Jesus?

A. The Lord loved His Father First!

1. **“Not My will, but Your will.....”**
2. Do we pray like that? ~ *Matthew 26:39*

B. The Lord demonstrated one another love.

1. Dirty feet need to be washed. ~ *John 13*
2. There was a point to the lesson.

C. Our Lord loved the lost.

1. He was never too busy and never too tired.
2. He always loved lost people.

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