



The Greatest Pursuit

A Tribute to Mothers

1 Corinthians 13

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The Necessity of Love

1 Corinthians 13:1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

² And if I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

³ And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

The Life Style of Love

⁴Love is patient,

love is kind,

and is not jealous;

love does not brag

and is not arrogant,

⁵does not act unbecomingly;

it does not seek its own,

is not provoked,

does not take into account a wrong *suffered*,

⁶does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

⁷bears all things,

believes all things,

hopes all things,

endures all things.

The Superiority of Love

⁸ Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of prophecy*, they will be done away; if *there are tongues*, they will cease; if *there is knowledge*, it will be done away.

⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part;

¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

¹¹ When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known.

¹³ But now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 14:1 Pursue love, ...