

AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY



The Priority of Love - 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3

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Love is the indispensable priority that gives meaning to everything we do.

A. The Symptoms of _____:

1. _____ too much (over-committed)
2. _____ too fast (under-connected)
3. _____ too much (over-confident)
4. _____ too much (over-critical)
5. _____ too little (unloving)

B. The Diagnosis of an _____ Heart (1 Cor. 13:1-3)

1. _____ with the greatest gifts and abilities, but without love produces nothing.
 - *If I speak but do not have love, I am just making noise. (vs. 1b)*
 - *If I teach but do not have love, I am nothing. (vs. 2a)*
2. _____ biblical knowledge and godly faith, but without love, amounts to nothing.
 - *If I have understanding and knowledge, but do not have love, I have nothing. (vs. 2b)*
 - *If I have incredible faith to trust God, but do not have love, I have nothing. (vs. 2c)*
3. _____ for those you love, for the most needy people, or for the greatest cause on earth, but without love offers nothing.
 - *If I serve others selflessly, but do not have love, I gain nothing. (vs. 3a)*
 - *If I give my life sacrificially, but do not have love, I gain nothing. (vs. 3b)*

C. The Prescription for a _____ Life: Love (1 Cor. 12:31; 13:13; 14:1a)

1. A better way to live is to _____.
 - a. Am I more interested in being _____ or in loving?
 - b. Am I more interested in being _____ or in loving?
 - c. Am I more interested in being _____ or in loving?
2. A better way to live is to _____:
 - a. Instead of asking, "How did I do?" ask, "Who am I loving?" (performance),
 - b. Instead of asking, "What do I have?" ask, "How am I using it?" (possessions)
 - c. Instead of asking, "How much do I give?" ask "Why am I giving it?" (provision)
3. The best way to live is to _____ the way Christ loves us.

“In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, charity.”

- Augustine of Hippo, 3rd Century AD