

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:8-13
Topic: Love. Priorities.
Study: First Corinthians
Week: 54
Series: 4 of 4

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A Lifelong Quest

part 4



1. Keep _____ (v.8)

2. Keep _____ (vv.9-12)

3. Keep _____ (v.13)

1 Cor. 13:8-13

⁸ Love never fails.
But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.

¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.

When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

¹² Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face.

Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Four weeks ago, our study through 1 Corinthians 13 (*Prompted by Love*) initially challenged us to tune in to our motives. The biblical shift was to move from an emphasis on "what" we do for God and others to "why" we do it. How successful have you been at being increasingly mindful of your motives? How enlightening has this shift been for you? What have you learned in the process?

Why is it difficult to shift the assessment of yourself from *what* you do to *why* you do it?

2. How does the temporal nature of your "roles" and "giftedness" encourage you?

Is there some sense in which pondering the temporal nature of your "roles" and "giftedness" discourages you? What does that reveal?

3. Imagining your life from the vantage point of "one million years from now" can help you keep God's priorities your top priorities. What practical device or habitual practice can you employ to keep your focus on eternity?
4. List the names of three people (who are not a part of your biological family) toward whom you intend to cultivate and express a more Christlike and humble love. What steps will you take to fulfill this commitment?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Deut.23-24 & Lk. 12

Monday

Deut.25-26 & Lk. 13

Tuesday

Deut.27-28 & Lk. 14

Wednesday

Deut.29-30 & Lk. 15

Thursday

Deut.31-32 & Lk. 16

Friday

Deut.33-34 & Lk. 17

Saturday

Josh. 1-2 & Lk. 18

Here are some resources which may help you understand and implement the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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