

LIFE'S GREATEST AIM

WHAT DOES LOVE REQUIRE OF ME?

1 Corinthians 13-14:1

1 Cor. 14:1 (LB) "Make Love Your Greatest Aim"

1 Corinthians 13

• THE _____ OF LOVE

If I don't make love my dominant life principle then...

1. All _____ is ineffective.

"If I speak in the tongues of men and/or angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal." (v. 1)

"Speak the truth in love . . ." Eph. 4:15

2. All _____ is incomplete.

"If I have the gift of prophecy, and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge... but have not love I am nothing." (vs. 2a)

"Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up." 1 Cor. 8:1

3. All _____ is insufficient.

"... and if I have faith that can move mountains, but have not love I am nothing." (vs.2b)

"... The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." Gal. 5:6

4. All _____ in insignificant.

"If I give all I possess to the poor... but have not love, I gain nothing." (vs. 3a)

5. All _____ is inadequate.

"If I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel, but didn't love others, it would be of no value whatever." (vs. 3b LB)

• THE _____ OF LOVE

"Most of all, let love guide your life..." Col. 3:14 (LB)

Description of a Loving Lifestyle (vs. 4-7)

Insights

• THE _____ OF LOVE

"Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. Love never fails." (vs.7-8a Ph)

"In this life we have three lasting qualities -- faith, hope and love. But the greatest of them is love." (vs.13 Ph)

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give you: Love one another! As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know you are my disciples if you love one another." John 13:34-35