

# Spiritual Gifts Are Nothing Without Love

## (1 Corinthians 13)

### 1. The Necessity of Love (13:1-3)

### 2. The Actions of Love (13:4-7)

Paul no longer uses the 1<sup>st</sup> person singular “I” but lists 15 actions of love

#### *A. Love’s Action toward Others*

#### *B. Love’s Action toward Self*

#### *C. Love’s Action toward Sin*

##### *1. Love is not easily provoked*

- a) There is positive provoking (Hebrews 10:24; Acts 17:16)
- b) There is negative provoking (Acts 15:31)

##### *2. Love forgives*

- a) “thinks no evil” is an accounting term
- b) God does not keep a record of our sins (Romans 4:1-8)

##### *3. Love does not rejoice in sin*

- a) Love hates iniquity (2 Thessalonians 2:12)
- b) Love grieves over sin (Ephesians 4:30-32)
- c) Love covers sins or does not publicize the sins of others (1 Peter 4:8)

##### *4. Love rejoices in the truth*

- a) Many resist the truth (2 Timothy 3:8)
- b) Others hold the truth in unrighteousness (Romans 1:18)
- c) Believers rejoice when others walk in the truth (2 John 6)

#### *D. Love’s Action toward Circumstances*

1. “*Love bears all things*” or supports people (Galatians 6:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:14)

2. “*Love believes all things*” or the best not the worst. Love is the opposite of Job’s friends

3. “*Love hopes all things*” Paul did not give up on the Corinthians (2 Cor 2:4; Rom 15:26)

4. “*Love endures all things*” Love refuses to stop the three actions toward circumstances