

SERMON NOTES

September 11, 2016

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Title: Love & Action in the Ordinary
Text: 1 Corinthians 13**

OUTLINE:

The Comparison v 1-3

The Comparison of Great Ability and Love v 1

The Comparison of Great Knowledge and Love v 2

The Comparison of Great Sacrifice and Love v 3

The Description v 4-8

The Description of Love in the Positive v 4-6

The Description of Love in the Negative v 4-6

The Description of Love in the Superlative v 7

The Motivation v 9-13

The Motivation of Vanity v 8-10

The Motivation of Maturity v 11

The Motivation of Glory v 12-13

QUESTIONS:

1. What did you hear? What phrases or words caught your attention?
2. In verse 1-3, Paul speaks of great abilities and activities. What are some of the abilities or activities that cause us to overlook loving others?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 1:4-9. & 14:5, 18-19. Then read 1 Corinthians 13:1-2. Is Paul speaking poorly of speaking in tongues or knowledge in this context? Why is this important?
4. In verse 3, Paul says he gains nothing with this greatest act of self-sacrifice. How does this apply to our relationships?
5. In verse 5, Paul warns against being 'resentful'; Other translations read "keeps no record of wrongs." What is ungodly about keeping a record of wrongs?
6. In 1 Corinthians 13, there are 15 verbs (action words) to describe love. How do we explain this in a society full of "emotion" based love?
7. In verse 6, there is the word 'rejoice' (emotion word). How do we explain this when we hear people say, "Love is a choice, not an emotion."?
8. In verse 6, Paul warns against "rejoicing in evil." How do you see this temptation to "rejoice in evil" in your own life?
9. In verses 8-9, Paul mentions that some things are temporal and others eternal. What temporal priority is distracting you from the eternal priority?
10. In verse 12-13, Paul draws a word picture of eternity. Discuss how the promise of eternal glory practically helps you respond to your family in a loving way.