



## Part 1 - Life's Greatest Goal

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

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1 Corinthians 14:1 "Make **love** your greatest aim."

### I. WHY SHOULD LOVE BE THE GREATEST GOAL FOR MY LIFE?

- A. Without love all that I say is **empty**. (1 Corinthians 13:1)
- B. Without love all that I know is **meaningless**. (1 Corinthians 13:2)
- C. Without love all that I believe is **ineffective**. (1 Corinthians 13:1)

***Mark 11:23 "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him."***

***Galatians 5:6 (NIV) "...The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through **love**."***

***Faith is important but without love it has no **power**.***

- D. Without love, all that I give to others is **useless**. (1 Corinthians 13:3)
- E. Without love, all that I accomplish is **worthless**. (1 Corinthians 13:3)
- F. Relationships are more important than **accomplishments** in life.

## II. IF THE GOAL IS LOVE, WHAT IS LOVE?

A. The Bible has three words for love.

1. **Eros** is the idea of sexual love.
2. Phileo is the idea of brotherly love or **friendship**.
3. Agape means a **selfless** kind of love, an endless and unconditional kind of love that is demonstrated by the **character** qualities of God.

**1 John 4:8 (NIV) “Whoever does not love does not know God, because God *is* love.”**

B. Agape love is the act of living out the **character** qualities of God in how we approach God and others.

C. How do we demonstrate a God kind of love?

1. We love by making a **decision**.

**Colossians 3:14 (NASB) “Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.”**

2. We love by taking an **action**.

**1 John 3:18 (NLT) “Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions.”**

**1 John 4:19 (NIV) “We love because He **first** loved us.”**

**Romans 5:5 “...God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.”**

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