

MESSAGE NOTES

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A BETTER WAY: Love
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
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- How can I be sure I give myself to what _____ in life?

Some of you keep competing for so-called "important" parts. But now I want to lay out a far better way for you. 1 Corinthians 12:31 (MSG)

UNDERSTANDING GENUINE LOVE

- Issue: some people are _____ the place of spiritual gifts.
- To appreciate the _____ of 1 Cor 13, note it's _____. 1 Cor 12:31
- ① *The _____ of love* (13:1-3). Nothing can take its _____.
- If I have _____ gifts, but _____ have love, I'm _____.
- ② *The _____ of love* (13:4-7). Love of _____ kind.
- More than a thought or feeling, genuine love is a _____. John 13:1-17
- Genuine love is self-_____ AND self-_____. 1 John 3:16; 4:7-19
- We can love like this _____ if we have the Spirit's _____. Rom 5:5
- ③ *The _____ of love* (13:8-13). Both _____ & _____.
- When we see _____, love'll _____ be greatest of all.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13

PRACTICING GENUINE LOVE

- Have I experienced _____ so I can _____?
- Now we know & see only in _____, but am I getting "_____?"
- _____ & _____ do I need to love as Jesus has loved me? John 13:34-35

15 Characteristics Of Genuine Love

God's love shown to us, demonstrated in Jesus, given by the Holy Spirit
A love that's both self-denying and self-giving

What love is

What love is not

Patient

Does not envy

Kind

Does not boast

Rejoices with the truth

Is not proud

Always protects

Is not rude

Always trusts

Does not seek its own way

Always hopes

Is not irritable or touchy

Always perseveres

Doesn't keep record of wrongs

Does not delight in evil

Humbly pray through these

Asking the Lord to show you where you can love with His love