

**The Way of Love  
1 Corinthians 1:1-13**

**#1: Preeminence of Love (v.1-3)**

**1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.**

**2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.**

**3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.**

**Matthew 6:3-4**

**3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,**

**4 so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.**

**#2: Practice of Love (v.4-7)**

**4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;**

**6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.**

**7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

**John 13:34-35**

**34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.**

**35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."**

**John 15:13**

**13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.**

**John 17:22-23**

**22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,**

**23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.**

**#3: Permanence of Love (v.8-13)**

**8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.**

**9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,**

**10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.**

**11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.**

**12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.**

**13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.**