

“LOVE - The Excellent Way”

Sunday, November 10, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Corinthians 13:1-13

BIG IDEA: Authentic Christians don't settle for second best.

“And I will show you an even better way..”

1 Corinthians 12:31 (CSB)



The importance of love. (v 1-3)

- **Love is important for what I say. (v 1)**
- **Love is important for what I know. (v 2)**
- **Love is important for what I do. (v 3)**



The impact of love. (v 4-7)

- **Love is:**
- **Love is not/does not:**



The immortality of love. (v 8-13)

- **Spiritual gifts are not eternal. (v 8b-12)**
- **Love is eternal. (v 8a, 13)**

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Read: Re-read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13.

Think: Reflect on the excellence of love, and then ask yourself the following questions: *If someone was to test your patience, what could they do to see how short a fuse you have? Given the Corinthians' quest for spiritual gifts and power, what is Paul's point in v 1-3? What is love? What is the significance of the contrast Paul makes between gifts, perfection and love in v 8-13? Why will spiritual gifts cease to be relevant? What will endure? Why?*

Do: List the characteristics of what love is and of what it is not. Rewrite each of these characteristics to show what love should look like at home, work or at church. Which one do you need to work on this week?