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Instructions to the Church

1 Corinthians 1:2 (NIV) To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ--their Lord and ours:

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I. LOVE'S DISTINCTION 13:1-3

A. Love Is Higher than the Sensational 13:1

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

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I. LOVE'S DISTINCTION 13:1-3

B. Love Is Higher than the Spectacular 13:2

² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

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I. LOVE'S DISTINCTION 13:1-3

C. Love Is Higher than the Sacrificial 13:3

³ If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Matthew 7:20-23 (NIV) ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

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²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

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II. LOVE'S DESCRIPTION 13:4-8

A. Love's Features 13:4-6

1. Love is Patient v.4
2. Love is Kind v.4
3. It Does Not Envy v.4
4. It does not boast v.4
5. It Is Not Proud v.4
6. It Is Not Rude v.5
7. It Is Not Self-Seeking v.5

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Philippians 2:3 (NIV) Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Philippians 2:6 (NIV) Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped,

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8. Is Not Easily Angered 13:5

9. It Keeps No Record Of Wrong 13:5

10. Love Does Not Delight In Evil but Rejoices with Truth 13:6

1 John 4:20 (NIV) If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

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II. LOVE'S DESCRIPTION 13:4-8

B. Love's Fortitude 13:7-8

1. It Always Protects 13:7

1 Peter 4:8 (NIV) Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

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II. LOVE'S DESCRIPTION 13:4-8

B. Love's Fortitude 13:7-8

1. It Always Protects 13:7

2. Always Trust, Hopes, Perseveres

3. Love Never Fails 13:8

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



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