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A Legacy of Love

(Living to Please God)

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(1 Corinthians 13:13 NLT) “There are three things that will endure—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.”

Why Is Love the Greatest of These?

- **It’s what I _____ for**
- **It’s what I need to c_____ my life**
- **It’s what I can p_____ on to others to leave a legacy**
(1 John 4:8b NLT) “...for God is love.”

(1 Corinthians 13:3 MSG) “If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don’t love, I’ve gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I’m bankrupt without love.”

(John 13:34-35 NLT) “So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

Four Levels of Life

M_____ (1 John 3:11-12)

H_____ (1 John 3:13-15)

I_____ (1 John 3:17)

L_____

- **It’s the greatest v_____.**

(1 Cor. 13:1-2KJV) “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. ²And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.”

- **It’s the greatest c_____.**

(Matt. 22:37-40 KJV) “Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

- **It’s the greatest t_____.**

(John 13:35 KJV) ‘Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.’”

To Leave a Legacy of Love I Must...

...replace c_____ with o_____ to God’s ways.

(Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT) “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (MSG) “Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn’t want what it doesn’t have. Love doesn’t strut, Doesn’t have a swelled head, Doesn’t force itself on others, Isn’t always ‘me first,’ Doesn’t fly off the handle, Doesn’t keep score of the sins of others, Doesn’t revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end. Love never dies.”

(John 14:15 NLT) [Jesus said] “If you love me, obey my commandments.”

(1 John 5:3 NLT) “Loving God means keeping his commandments, and really, that isn’t difficult.”

...soak-in God’s love and constantly be filled-up.

- **God’s love is p_____.**

(John 10:14 NLT) “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep...”

- **God’s love is t_____.**

(2 Corinthians 5:17 NCV) “If anyone belongs to Christ, there is a new creation. The old things have gone; everything is made new!”

(2 Corinthians 5:14 NIV) “For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.”

- **God’s love is s_____.**

(Romans 8:3 NLT) “The law of Moses could not save us, because of our sinful nature. But God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours, except that ours are sinful. God destroyed sin’s control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.”

(Ephesians 5:2 NLT) “Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ, who loved you and gave himself as a sacrifice to take away your sins. And God was pleased, because that sacrifice was like sweet perfume to him.”

