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# *1 Corinthians 13*

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# → *1 Corinthians 13* ←

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 is the most common  
Scripture to reference at weddings.





*1 Corinthians 13 is known as  
“The Love Chapter” in the Bible.*



*Charity (KJV) and love (NKJV) are the  
main themes of the chapter.*



*Translation for the Greek word  
agape means “love.”*



*The chapter describes all the things love  
is and what love is not.*



The apostle Paul writes this chapter  
to show how we are to love by  
God's standards.



*The purpose of 1 Corinthians is  
to address problems Corinth  
had as a church.*



The word “love” appears nine times  
in the New King James Version  
of 1 Corinthians 13.

*1 Corinthians 13 is made up of  
thirteen verses, five paragraphs,  
and 271 words (NKJV).*



“And remember, as it was written, to love  
another person is to see the face of God.”

- Victor Hugo, *Les Misérables*



*“Though our feelings come and go,  
His love for us does not.”*

*- C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity*



# 1 Corinthians 13

## 1

### *The Power and Priority of Love*

*Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And 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, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give me body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

Jesus said the greatest commandment was to love God and the second greatest was to love one's neighbor—that loving God and others was a summary of all that the law and the prophets taught.



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## *The Patience and Kindness of Love*

*Love suffers long and is kind.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

We live in a world where people are quick to retaliate when they are wronged and where kindnesses are done with an expectation of repayment. But God desires a different kind of love: love that is patient when wronged and a love that extends kindness with no expectation of reward.



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## *Love's Power Over Envy (and Jealousy)*

*Love does not envy.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

The temptation to want what we don't have is as old as the Garden of Eden. Envy and jealousy are two sins that can ultimately destroy the one who embraces them.

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## *Love's Power Over Pride*

*Love does not parade itself, is not puffed up.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4

There is a thin line between striving for excellence in life and pride. Pride can destroy *agape* love and give God a reason to remove His blessing.

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## *Love's Power Over Rudeness*

*[Love] does not behave rudely.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5

Courtesy is a synonym for love.

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## *Love's Power Over Selfishness*

*[Love] does not seek its own.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5

Because selfless love is rare in today's world, we know it immediately when we see it.

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## *Love's Power Over Anger*

*[Love] is not provoked.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5

Society sometimes gives people a pass when they get angry. But *agape* love and sinful anger cannot exist in the same heart.



## *Love's Power Over Resentment*

*[Love] thinks no evil.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:5

Resentments are the records of wrongs we have suffered. Failing to erase them from the ledger will put us in a deficit of love.

## *Love's Power Over a Negative Attitude*

*[Love] does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:6

There is nothing loving about taking pleasure in the misfortunes of others. We are to rejoice in what edifies, and nothing else.

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## *Love's Power Over Discouragement*

*[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things,  
endures all things.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:7

Some people are optimists and some are pessimists by nature, but the people who are the most appealing to others are those who are filled with love—it always perseveres.

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## *Love's Power Over Time*

*Love never fails.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8

While we can fail when we take our eyes off Christ, God's love never fails—ever.

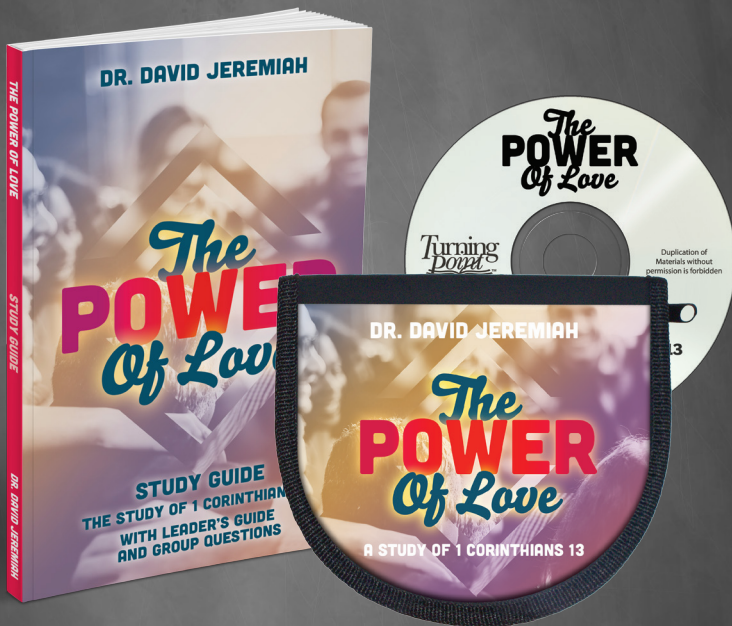
## *Pursue Love*

*But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.*

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8

In order to pursue love two things are necessary: human obedience to the command to love, and the divine enablement to be able to love.

# The Power of Love



This content was taken from David Jeremiah's teaching series on 1 Corinthians 13, *The Power of Love*.