



**LIFE'S HIGHEST GOAL**  
**1 Corinthians 13**  
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*"Let love be your highest goal!" 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)*

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**THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE**

**1. WITHOUT LOVE ALL THAT I SAY IS INEFFECTIVE**

*"If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal" 1 Corinthians 13:1 (NLT)*

*"By speaking the truth in a spirit of love, we must grow up in every way to Christ, who is the head." Ephesians 4:15 (GN)*

**2. WITHOUT LOVE ALL THAT I KNOW IS INCOMPLETE**

*"If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge ... but didn't love others, I would be nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:2 (NLT)*

*"Knowledge puffs up, while love builds up" 1 Corinthians 8:1 (NIV)*

**3. WITHOUT LOVE ALL THAT I BELIEVE IS INSUFFICIENT**

*"... If I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:2b (NIV)*

*"... The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." Galatians 5:6 (NIV)*

**4. WITHOUT LOVE ALL THAT I GIVE IS INSIGNIFICANT**

*"If I gave everything I have to the poor ... but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:3a (NLT)*

**5. WITHOUT LOVE ALL THAT I ACCOMPLISH HAS NO REAL VALUE**

*"If I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel, but I didn't love others, it would be of no value whatever." 1 Corinthians 13:3b (NLT)*

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**Life minus love equals zero.**

*"Most of all, let love guide your life..." Colossians 3:14 (LB)*

Description of a Loving Lifestyle

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a (NIV)*

**THE REWARDS OF LOVE**

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people. REMEMBER that the Lord will give you as a reward what He has kept for His people." Colossians 3:23-24 (GN)*

*Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. Pressed down, shaken together, and running over, it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you." Luke 6:38 (NCV)*

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 (NIV)*

