

Love + Liberty

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REVIEW & USE 1 Corinthians

REVIEW:

- A life of love, not theological knowledge, identifies us with God. (1 Cor. 8:2-3)
- Flaunted freedom harms those for whom Christ died (1 Cor. 8:9-10)
- "Stumbling" one of God's beloved children should be unthinkable (1 Cor. 8:13)
- A Love-driven Perspective Surrenders Personal Freedoms for Others (1 Cor 9:12b-17)

SUMMARY: Love (for God and others) motivates the use (or non-use) of our freedoms. Paul establishes himself as a model of this love.

USE:

- A "LIBERTY" TOOL: 10 Questions to Ask...
- A CERTAIN "TYPE OF LOVE": Source: _____ Type: _____
Attributes: _____

THREE DAILY REMINDERS ABOUT AGAPE-LOVE...

1) THE GREATEST USE OF _____ IS AGAPE-LOVE.

1Co 13:13 NLT " ...faith, hope, and love--and the greatest of these is love."

1Co 14:1 ESV "Pursue love..."

1Ti 1:5 ESV "The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

a) Agape-Love brings the deepest meaning to life.

Mat 22:37-40 NLT "Jesus replied, "...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."

1Co 13:1-3 NIV "If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, **but do not have love, I am only** a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 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 do not have love, I am nothing**. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, **but do not have love, I gain nothing.**"

1Co 13:13 NLT "Three things will last forever--faith, hope, and love--and the greatest of these is love."

b) Agape-Love is the conduit that helps people see & value Jesus.

John 13:34-35 ESV "A new commandment I give to you, that you **love one another**: just as **I have loved you**, you also are to **love one another**. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, **if you have love** for one another."

c) Agape-Love is eternal.

Lam 3:22-23 ESV "The **steadfast love** of the LORD **never ceases**;"

1Co 13:13 NLT "Three things will last forever--faith, hope, and love..."

2) THE GREATEST EXPRESSION OF AGAPE-LOVE IS _____.

1Jn 3:18 NLT "... let's not merely say that we love each other; **let us show the truth by our actions.**"

Eph 5:1-2 NIV "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and **walk in the way of love**, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Joh 3:16 ESV "For God so loved the world, **that he gave...**"

3) THE GREATEST TIME TO AGAPE-LOVE IS _____.

Pro 3:27-28 NLT "**Do not withhold** good from those who deserve it when it's in your power to help them **[now]**. 28 If you can help your neighbor now, **don't say**, "Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you.""

Gal 6:10 ESV "... **as we have opportunity**, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Eph 5:15-16 NIV "Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, 16 **making the most of every opportunity...**"

Reflection & Discussion

1. What projects or things have become more important than quality time with certain people?
2. Who is someone you need to start spending more time with? A person? God?
3. What do you need to cut out of your schedule to make that possible? What sacrifices do I need to make for this to happen? Who can hold me accountable to this?
4. How can you increase the *quality* of time you already give to someone regularly?
5. Take time to thank God for some specific ways he shows love to you.

SONGS

"Marvelous Light" - Charlie Hall

"King of My Heart" - John Mark McMillan, Sarah McMillan

"Yes and Amen" - Anthony Brown, Nate Moore, and Chris McClarney

"All Hail King Jesus" - Jeremy Riddle, Peter Mattis, Ran Jackson, & Steffany Gretzinger

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$43,697.00

WEEKLY NEED: \$35,272.00

YTD GIVING: \$1,419,211.12

YTD GENERAL NEED: \$1,481,424.00