

# Love, Dates, Heartbreaks, and Kids

## Lesson 2

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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### Looking for Love

#### INTRODUCTION

In John 13:35 Jesus says, “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” The Apostle Paul says to the church at Corinth that the greatest spiritual gift is love, and he gives a comprehensive list of what love is and what it is not.

Love is patient. Love is kind. Maybe you’ve got those down, but have you ever talked badly about others? Have you ever been proud? Have you kept a record of wrongs? We need help! This is why love is a gift of the Spirit.

Love is the most fundamental, most important part of our spiritual life. We need love to understand why God sent His only son. We need to love to show others that we are true disciples. We are to love God and love others. This sounds so simple, yet living it out is anything but easy. Let’s read and find out how Jesus displayed this kind of love to the world.

***Memory verse: “It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.” —1 Corinthians 13:7-8a***

Pray, and read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

**OBSERVATION: What does the passage say?**

1. If one is without love, what does one resemble?  
(1 Corinthians 13:1-3)
2. Name three characteristics of love. What are three actions that do not reflect love? (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)
3. What will happen to prophecies, tongues, and knowledge? (1 Corinthians 13:8-10)
4. What did Paul do when he became a man?  
(1 Corinthians 13:11)
5. Which is the greatest—faith, hope, or love?  
(1 Corinthians 13:13)



4. When Paul refers to completeness in 1 Corinthians 13:10, he is likely talking about salvation and eternity with Christ. What is our responsibility if we cannot display this kind of love on our own? (Romans 8:14; 1 Corinthians 1:8)

**APPLICATION: How do the passages apply to your life?**

1. The Corinthian church viewed spiritual gifts as a display of maturity in Christ, yet Paul says the measure of maturity is the love behind the gifts. How do you measure your level of maturity? Have you used these gifts in love or for personal gain?

2. Why do you think love is the greatest among faith, hope, and love?

3. How does knowing that Jesus died because of His love for us help you to love others?