

A Better Definition
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Jesus taught that the greatest commandment is to _____ God and our neighbors. If we don't have a good _____ of love, how will we know if we have fulfilled this commandment? God dedicated a _____ of the Bible to the definition of love.

This passage falls within the context of Paul's discussion of the _____ and _____ the Corinthian church was experiencing and the way that spiritual gifts were contributing to that disunity. Paul knew that there was and is only one way real, broad-based, and lasting unity can be achieved. The Corinthian church had to drop their _____, resentment, and _____ toward one another and begin to _____.

Paul selected several of the more conspicuous and _____ gifts that the Corinthians apparently valued and described them in their most _____ application. But he said if you are failing to love others, _____, you gain nothing and you are nothing but unpleasant noise.

If I am making Jesus my _____ and His word, my _____, I should want to be remembered as someone who really _____.

Having stressed the priority of love, Paul defines love the only way love can be identified: by its _____ toward others. We should go over this list carefully and see how we measure up before we do _____ in service for the Lord and the church.

Finally, Paul gently challenged the Corinthian church to realize that when they are embroiled in their petty conflicts and divisions, they are acting like _____ rather than like _____ Christians.

This text is _____ at a wedding, but it _____ pretty good in real life. The good news is, even in our imperfections, when it comes to God's love for you, He is always batting _____. God is love and He loves you _____ and _____. The more you draw close to Him and receive His love, the more you will _____.