



# CHARITY NEVER FAILS

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8

## Introduction

Paul explains to the Church of Corinth that the gifts of the Spirit will at some point fail, but the fruits of the Spirit (True Love) will never fail. Serving without the love God is a big waste of time, and is not a profit to any person. The motive behind all we do plays a big part in our life. It determines who gets the glory: GOD or SELF... True love gives God the Glory!

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**Question: What is True Love?**

### A. CONSEQUENCE OF NOT HAVING “TRUE LOVE”

#### 1. Noise

*1 Corinthians 13:1* “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.”

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#### 2. Nothing

*1 Corinthians 13:2* “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, and have not charity, I am nothing.”

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#### 3. No Profit

*1 Corinthians 13:3* “And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.”

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1 Samuel 10:11-12 “And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets? Vs 12 And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?”

*Matthew 7:20-23* “Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. vs 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Vs 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? vs 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

*Matthew 23:15* “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.”

## B. CHARACTER OF “TRUE LOVE”

### 1. Suffers long - 1 Corinthians 13:4

**1 Corinthians 13:4** “Charity suffereth long...”

- Bears along with, is patient
  - Longsuffering, does not give up
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### 2. Kind - 1 Corinthians 13:4

**1 Corinthians 13:4** “...and is kind...”

- To be useful, act courteously, and be gracious
  - To be thoughtful and caring
  - The opposite of rude
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### 3. Envies not - 1 Corinthians 13:4

- A strong burning zeal, to covet, a longing desire
  - To be heated up with envy with the intent to hurt
  - Love is content and hopes for the best in others
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### 4. Vaunteth not itself - 1 Corinthians 13:4

- To boast, to lift up one's self
  - Love is modest
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### 5. Is not puffed up - 1 Corinthians 13:4

- To swell up, to be haughty
  - To blow up, to be proud
  - Love is humble
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**Conclusion:** To love in this way is to know God through Jesus Christ, and to walk in His Spirit. God is love, and the fruit of the Spirit is love. True Love is found in Christ Jesus! 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

2 Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

1 Thessalonians 5:14 “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.”

Matthew 18:29-30 “And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Vs 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.”

Romans 12:10a “Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love...”

Ephesians 4:32 “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”

Turn to: Luke 6:27-35

Proverbs 27:4 “Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?”

Genesis 37:11 “And his brethren envied him...”

Turn to: Matthew 6:1-6

1 Corinthians 8:1-3 “Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. Vs 2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. Vs 3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.”



## 6. Does not behave itself unseemly - *1 Corinthians 13:5*

- Unbecoming, unfitting, out of place ; To be improper or inappropriate
  - Love is good and proper
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## 7. Seeks not her own - *1 Corinthians 13:5*

- Seeks others welfare before self; Esteems others better than self
  - Love is not self-seeking
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## 8. Is not easily provoked - *1 Corinthians 13:5*

- To sharpen by, to arouse in anger; To stimulate, stir up, kindle
  - Love is calm, peaceful and patient
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## 9. Thinks no evil - *1 Corinthians 13:5*

- Takes inventory of harmful, immoral, bad, wrong, and wicked things.
  - Love ponders on right and wholesome things
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## 10. Rejoices not in iniquity - *1 Corinthians 13:6*

- Not happy about sin and wrongdoings.
  - Love takes no pleasure in or with evil works.
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## 11. Rejoices in the truth - *1 Corinthians 13:6*

- Happy about the truth and righteousness
  - Love takes pleasure in what is right according to God's Word.
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*2 Thessalonians 3:6-7* "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. *vs 7* For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;"

*1 Corinthians 10:33* "... I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

*Proverbs 14:17* "He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated."

*Proverbs 6:18* "An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations."

*Isaiah 5:20* "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil..."

*2 Corinthians 10:5* "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"

*Job 1:8* "And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?"

*Ephesians 4:15* "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:"

*Proverbs 21:3* "To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice."

## 12. Bears all thing - 1 Corinthians 13:7

- To cover, to endure, to suffer
  - Love does not give up, but continues with
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## 13. Believes all things - 1 Corinthians 13:7

- To have faith in the truth,
  - Gives the benefit of the doubt
  - Love is to trust
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## 14. Hopes all things - 1 Corinthians 13:7

- To have an expected confidence
  - Love is to have assurance
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## 15. Endures all things - 1 Corinthians 13:7

- To remain, to keep on,
  - To abide in, to bear with
  - Love perseveres and does not give in
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## Conclusion

*1 Corinthians 13:8* "Charity never fails..."

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*1 Peter 2:24* "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."

*Galatians 6:2* "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

*Proverbs 3:5* "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

*Romans 4:20* "He (Abraham) staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;"

*Romans 8:24-25* "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? Vs 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it."

*Titus 1:2* "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"

*2 Timothy 2:10* "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."

*Hebrews 12:2-3* "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. vs 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

This unconditional love mentioned does not at any time or in any way ever fail, give way, or drop off.