



UNITE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE MOST

EXCELLENT GIFT

## 1 Corinthians 12:31

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# 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:3

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# 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

**4** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. **6** Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. **7** It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. **8** Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

## 1 Corinthians 13:9-13

**9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10** but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. **11** When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. **12** For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. **13** And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

# KJ Foreman

**“Read 1 Cor 13 over and over for yourself. Learn what love is - Christian love, God-like love. Read that chapter in all the different translations you can lay your hands on. Read it and meditate on it and let it grip your imagination and fire your soul. Read and practice it. Then you begin to know what in this world never can be fully known, the true meaning of love.”**

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**What is your number one love strength?  
What is your number one love weakness?**

**Spend the rest of the year  
strengthening your strength  
and strengthening your weakness**

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**Louw and Nida “to act in defiance of social and moral standards, with resulting disgrace, embarrassment and shame - ‘to act shamefully, indecent behavior, shameful deed’ love...never behaves shamefully and does not seek its own interests.”**

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**CK Barrett “Love merely does not seek that which does not belong to it; it is prepared to give up for the sake of others even what it is entitled to.”**

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**CK Barrett says “Love does not seek to make itself distinctive by tracking down and pointing out what is wrong; it gladly sinks its own identity to rejoice with others as what is right.”**

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# Why is the greatest of these three love?

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