



# Spiritual Gifts

God At Work





## 1 Corinthians 12:31

(NLT) But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all.

(NIV) I will show you the most excellent way.





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1 Thessalonians 4:9 - But we don't need to write to you  
about the importance of loving each other, for God himself  
has taught you to love one another.



## 1 Corinthians 13:2

If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.



## 1 Corinthians 13:3

If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.



## Matthew 7:21-23

“Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. On judgment day many will say to me, ‘Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.’ But I will reply, ‘I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God’s laws.’”



## R. C. Sproul

God requires mercy and love "from the heart," not sacrifice, not the exercising of gifts. We must remember that Satan is a master at mimicking the gifts of the Spirit, but he cannot mimic the heart. He can set up a puppet teacher who is endowed with great knowledge, but he cannot give that person love for God and love for other Christians. This is solely a Christian grace and can only come by the Spirit of Christ.



Agape (Love) - a deep, abiding, self-sacrificing kind of love that looks out for the other person first.



N.T. Wright - What Paul has in mind is something which, though like our other loves in some ways, goes as far beyond them as sunlight goes beyond candles or electric lights.





## 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.



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Love is patient and kind:

Galatians 5:22-26

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.



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Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.



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Exodus 34:6 - "Yahweh! The Lord!

The God of compassion and mercy!

I am slow to anger

and filled with unfailing love

and faithfulness.

Hebrews 8:12 - I will forgive their

wickedness, and I will never again

remember their sins.



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NIV: Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.



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1 John 4:8 - ...God is love



## 1 Corinthians 13:9-10

Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! 10 But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless.



## 1 Corinthians 13:11-12

When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.



## 1 Corinthians 13:13

Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.



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