

"THE PERMANENCE OF LOVE"

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The Nature of Love

Love Trumps Spiritual Gifts (vv.8-12)

Gifts are temporary provision until perfection comes
(vv.8, 10, 12)

Gifts can only do so much (vv.9-10)

Gifts accommodate our spiritual immaturity (v.11)

Gifts give us only a glimpse of heaven (v.12)

The Supremacy of Love over Faith and Hope (vv.13)

Why we don't need faith in heaven

Why we don't need hope in heaven

Principle: Love is ultimately the safest and most rewarding investment even if we may not see many returns in this life

Family Life Groups

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1) In a church that was placing an inordinate emphasis on spiritual gifts (how one speaks, serves, or ministers to the body through the talents and abilities God gives) why was Paul trying to convince them that spiritual gifts are temporary and their effectiveness is limited?

2) Why is love permanent and its effectiveness unlimited?

3) Is *love* the top priority in your life (this includes loving people you don't like, loving people who get under your skin, and loving people who are out to get you)? If not, how can love become the top priority in your life?