

Attitude Check

Lesson Seven • 1 Corinthians 13:1-14:1

Pursue Love in All Things!

Attitude Check: Do I Understand What It Takes to Replace Every Negative Attitude in My Life?

I must **PURSUE GOD'S LOVE** in all things at all times with all people for His glory, their good, and my joy!

Attitude Change: Three Reasons Why Pursuing God's Love Is Absolutely Essential

1. LOVE'S PRIORITY: God's Love Is Indispensable in Pleasing Him and Impacting People! (vv. 1-3)

- God's love makes our message **HEARABLE**. (v. 1)
- God's love makes our miracles **MEANINGFUL**. (v. 2)
- God's love makes our meeting needs **USEFUL**. (v. 3)

2. LOVE'S PROFILE: God's Love Is Impossible Without Christ! (vv. 4-7)

This profile personifies God's love through 15 attitudes and actions!

This Profile of God's Love...

- Is **DESIRABLE**.
- Is **IMPOSSIBLE** on our own.
- Is **AVAILABLE** to anyone in Jesus.
- Is **DEPENDABLE** at all times in all things with all people.

3. LOVE'S PERMANENCE: God's Love Is Incapable of Ever Failing or Ending! (vv. 8-13)

God's Love Never Fails Because...

- While most gifts are temporary, God who is love and gives love is **FOREVER**.
- While this life is imperfect, Jesus is love made **PERFECT**.
- While faith and hope sustain us now, showing the Spirit by loving others is the **GREATEST**.

Mature people realize this and pursue God's love and show it to others until Jesus comes!

Immature people miss this and pursue making much of themselves at the expense of loving God and others.

Respond to God and His Love

- Is **the priority of God's love** impacting my relationships with others by opening their ears, softening their hearts, and drawing them to Jesus and His grace?
 - Make sure you have humbly received the gift of God's love in the person and work of Jesus!
 - Make sure you are freely giving God's love to others through the gospel and how you relate to them.
- Do others see **the profile of God's love** in my attitude and actions when under pressure or dealing with difficult people?
 - Memorize the entire chapter or at least verses 1-7.
 - Mediate on the profile of God's love in verses 4-7 by praying over each one before the Lord and by doing a deeper study of each characteristic.
- Am I choosing to replace my negative attitudes with **the permanence of God's love**, which never fails to glorify Him and build up others?
 - Measure how you are growing and abounding in love for God and others (1 Thess 3:12-13; 4:9-10). Repent where you fall short and rejoice where God is changing your attitude and actions through His grace in Christ Jesus!