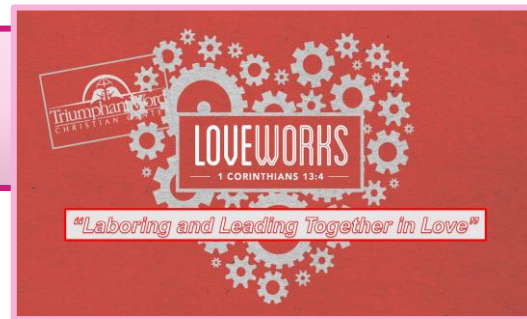


# "Love Works" – Wednesday Teaching Handout

**Title: Love's Imperative and Ingredients**

**Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



- **John 13:34 – 35 (NKJV)** – *"<sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have love you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*
- **John 15:12, 17 (NKJV)** – *"<sup>12</sup> This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, that you love one another."*
- **Romans 13:8, 10 (NKJV)** – *"<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."*
- **Galatians 5:14 (NKJV)** – *"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

## **LOVE: THE GREATEST THING IN THE WORLD: Read 1 Corinthians 13:1 - 13 (NKJV)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - In verses one through three, Paul described the \_\_\_\_\_ of LOVE.
  - Paul, by the Holy Spirit, did this by putting the four ministry motivations in the context of \_\_\_\_\_, which painted a picture of the atmosphere in which life is to be conducted, and atmosphere that will change everything.
  - Real \_\_\_\_\_ changes the way you think, it changes the way you talk, it changes the way you act, it changes the way you believe. \_\_\_\_\_ changes everything!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Beginning in verse four, Paul, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, described the \_\_\_\_\_ of LOVE.
  - When he talks about LONGSUFFERING and KINDNESS, he provides us with what we need to walk through the tense, tough, turbulent, tempting and troubling times that we'll encounter in life.
  - He gives us the appropriate self-management skills for \_\_\_\_\_ our emotions so that we can **walk in love** and **walk in forgiveness** with other people during difficult moments.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Starting in verse five, Paul, talks about the \_\_\_\_\_ of LOVE.
  - He mentions rudeness, self-seeking, and other qualities. When he does this, he's describing the things that love does and the things that love does not do. He provides these descriptions to help us to picture the proper response of love.
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Then, beginning in verse six, Paul, by the Holy Spirit, talks about the \_\_\_\_\_ of LOVE, which is where he says love does not rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endure all things.
  - In these verses, we'll learn what it looks like when we \_\_\_\_\_ love. The Love of \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts – not natural human love.
  - Love is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all!

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- The ***Spectrum of Love*** has nine ingredients: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ - "Love suffers long" (2) \_\_\_\_\_ - "and is kind" (3) \_\_\_\_\_ - "Love does not envy" (4) \_\_\_\_\_ - "love does not parade itself, is not puffed up" (5) \_\_\_\_\_ - "does not behave rudely" (6) \_\_\_\_\_ - "does not seek its own" (7) ***Good Temper*** - "is not provoked" (8) \_\_\_\_\_ - "thinks no evil" (9) – Sincerity – "does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth."
- You will observe that all are in relation to me, in relation to life, in relation to the known today and the near tomorrow, and not the unknown eternity.

## LOVE'S IMPERATIVE:

- 1 Peter 4:8 (NKJV)** – "***And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."***"
- Love is our big, main \_\_\_\_\_ as born-again, Spirit-filled believers! We have to embrace and see \_\_\_\_\_ others is our main \_\_\_\_\_ and Christian responsibility!
- Loving others with the Love of God entails and includes: (1<sup>st</sup>) A **CHOICE** – because we are to love one another by faith and not feelings or emotions involved. (2<sup>nd</sup>) Showing \_\_\_\_\_ - yielding to that intense eager yearning to do good to others, bless and benefit others. (3<sup>rd</sup>) Demonstrating unwavering **COMMITMENT** to others – which means a commitment to meet their needs. And (4<sup>th</sup>) - \_\_\_\_\_ - anticipating their needs and meeting them. We must \_\_\_\_\_ Love! **Read 1 John 3:1 – 13 (NKJV)**
- HOW TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER:** (1) \_\_\_\_\_. (2) **SACRIFICIALLY** (3) **PERSONALLY**.

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