

Let Us Do Everything with Love
(1 Corinthians 16:14)

Introduction:

1. This morning we studied passages that answer 4 questions about "love" [the first of 9 characteristics making up the fruit of the Spirit].
2. This evening we are examining some additional passages that teach us why we are to everything with love (1 Corinthians 16:14).
3. We are basing our lesson on 1 Corinthians 13, "the love chapter."

Discussion:

- I. (vs.1-3) WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WITH LOVE BECAUSE WE ARE NOTHING WITHOUT IT
 - A. (vs.1-2) This point is made in reference to spiritual gifts.
 - B. (vs.3) This point is also made in reference to benevolence and acts of sacrifice.
 - C. A careful study of 1 Corinthians shows that love was lacking or missing in things done by the Christians in Corinth.
- II. (vs.4-7) WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WITH LOVE BECAUSE OF HOW IT BEHAVES
 - A. 15 characteristics of love are listed, including 8 negative and 7 positive.
 - B. 8 negative characteristics:
 1. does not envy (is not jealous)
 2. does not vaunt itself (doesn't brag or boast)
 3. is not puffed up (arrogant)
 4. does not behave itself unseemly (act is a way unbecoming of a child of God)
 5. does not seek its own (have to have its own way)
 6. is not easily provoked
 7. does not think evil (does not take into account a wrong suffered)
 8. does not rejoice in iniquity (unrighteousness).
 - C. The Lord does not approve of things being done by people who possess these characteristics.
 - D. 7 positive characteristics:
 1. suffers long (is patient)
 2. is kind
 3. rejoices in the truth
 4. bears all things
 5. believes all things
 6. hopes all things
 7. endures all things.
 - E. The Lord does approve of things being done by people who possess these characteristics.
- III. (vs.8-13) WE MUST DO EVERYTHING WITH LOVE BECAUSE IT IS EVERLASTING
 - A. Love never fails, even though spiritual gifts failed, ceased, and vanished away.
 - B. The Lord never intended for spiritual gifts to last forever -- they were temporary.
 - C. However, He intended for love to last forever (John 13:34-35).

Conclusion:

1. In everything we do, let us remember the admonition in Colossians 3:17.
2. Let us also remember the admonition in 1 Corinthians 16:14.