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The Principles of Love

1 Corinthians 13



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—THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT— JESUS

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Life RELATIONSHIP & FAMILY COMMUNITY & WORK

CORINTH

IN 18

JESUS!

PAUL LIVED HERE FOR 1½ YEARS

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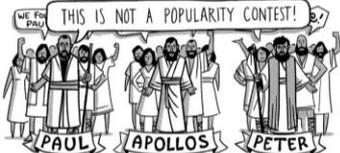
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BIG PROBLEMS WITH CORINTH!

DIVISIONS



SEX



FOOD



THE GATHERING



THE RESURRECTION



FINAL GR

You are here



Anchors regarding “the gathering”:

1. All participate so all might be built up.
2. Jesus should always stand at center stage and we should never seize the spotlight or distract from him.



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1 Corinthians 13:8-10 (ESV)

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.



1 Corinthians 13:11-12 (ESV)

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.



1 Corinthians 13:13 (ESV)

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



Main ideas of 1 Corinthians 13:

Love is a foundational prerequisite to using our spiritual gifts.

Love should be a pervasive, defining behavior between Christians.

Love is never ending.



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- Speaking in tongues of men
- Speaking in tongues of angels
- Prophecy
- Understanding all mysteries
- Knowledge
- Faith
- Generosity
- Martyrdom



**We should all be using our GIFTS
to serve our body of believers.**



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Positive principles of love (LOVE IS):

- **Patient** (forbearing, able to wait for someone without complaining, to put up with another's weaknesses, foibles, and idiosyncrasies)
- **Kind** (merciful)
- **Rejoices at truth** (sees God being honored and obeyed, does not reject criticism if deserved, because it is true)



Positive principles of love (LOVE IS):

- **Bears all things** (puts up with persecution and being dishonored)
- **Believes all things** (never loses faith, never exhausts hope)
- **Hopes all things** (confidence that God will protect until the end)
- **Endures all things**



Negative descriptions (LOVE IS NOT):

- **Envious** (constantly compare with others to see whether their status is superior or adequate)
- **Boastful**
- **Arrogant** (puffed up, flaunting of something for one's own benefit)
- **Rude** (to act unbecomingly)



Negative descriptions (LOVE IS NOT):

- **Insisting on it's own way** (self-seeking)
- **Irritable** (to sharpen, provoked to anger)
- **Resentful** (to count, to make a record of wrongs)
- **Rejoice at evil** (delight in that which is evil)



**Love is not an attitude of
“NICENESS”**

**Conflict is not inherently
UNLOVING**



Love is not soft

“Many see love as little more than an attitude of “niceness” to everyone. This means that any dispute, any strong speaking over important matters, and any firm spiritual discipling or disciplining of another is *ab initio* [from the start] to be regarded as unloving.



In some churches this has even led to a watered-down Christian faith being preached with little emphasis on holiness lest some should feel condemned or unloved.”

Paul Gardner

Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament
1 Corinthians



2 Timothy 4:3-4 (ESV)

³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.



Objection: I am speaking the truth!

“I don’t have to be forbearing, kind, merciful, or put up with persecution, and being dishonored, I don’t have to bear all things and never lose faith...

and I am allowed to be arrogant, irritable, resentful, and rejoicing at evil,

because I have **knowledge** of the truth.”



1 Corinthians 13:2 (ESV)

² And if I have prophetic powers, and **understand all mysteries and all knowledge**, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains,

but have not love, I am nothing.



Galations 4:16 (ESV)

“Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?”



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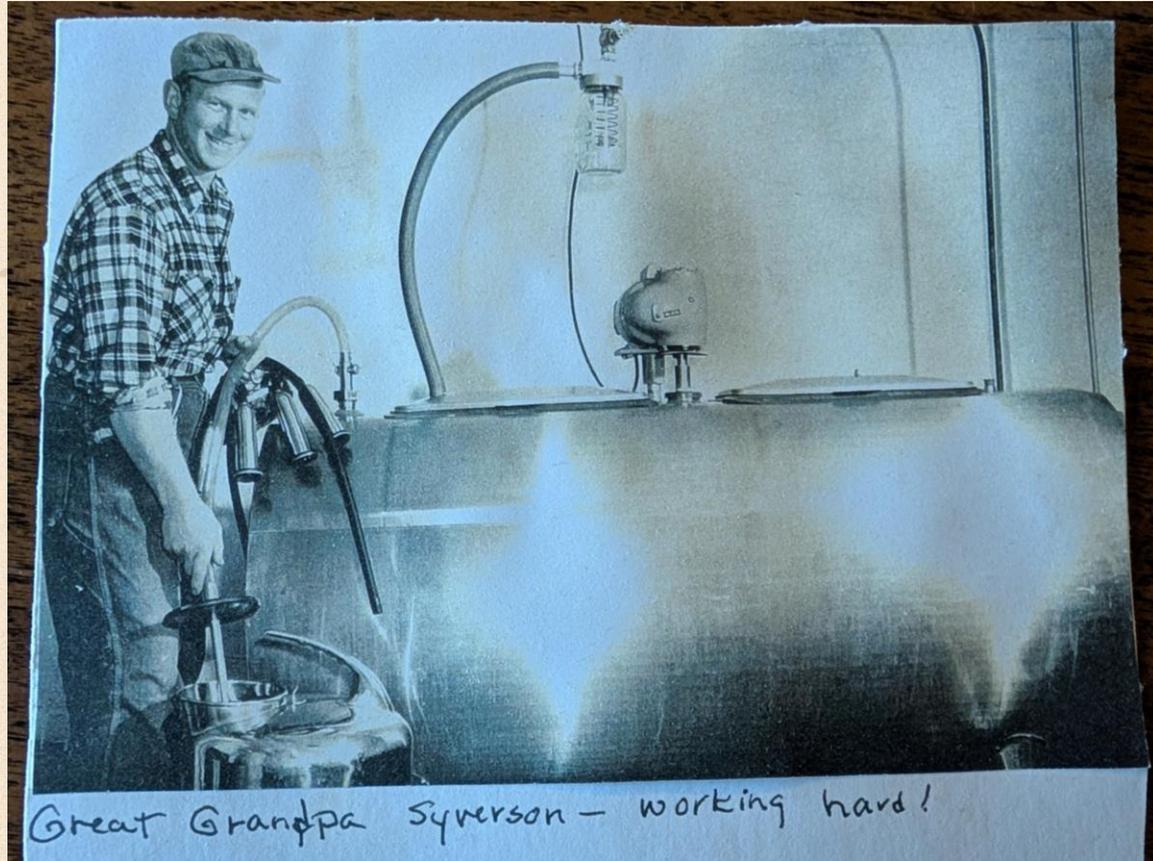
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2006 Computer



Luverne Charles Syverson



Great Grandpa Syverson - working hard!



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