



"WHAT COUNTS THE MOST ... "

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Luke 12: 16-21 (GW): *"There was a rich man whose lands produced bountiful harvest. He asked himself 'What should I do for I don 'I have enough space to store my goods?' Then he says. 'Here's what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and I'll build larger ones. Then I'll say to myself "I have so many good things store up for me. Now rest, eat, drink and be merry." ' But God said to him, 'You fool. This night your life will be demanded of you and then to whom will all your things belong?' Thus will it be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God ..*

Galatians 5:6 (NIV): *"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."*

IF I DON'T LIVE A LIFE OF LOVE ...

I. NOTHING I SAY will matter.

I Corinthians 13: 1 (TLB): *"If I had the gift of being able to speak in other languages without learning them and could speak in every language there is in all of heaven and earth, but didn't love others, I would only be making noise . .*

2. NOTHING I SAY will matter.

I Corinthians 13:2 (TLB): *"If I had the gift of prophecy and knew all about what is going to happen in the future, knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would it do? Even if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, I would still be worth nothing at all without love."*

3. NOTHING I BELIEVE will matter.

I Corinthians 13:2b (TLB): *"Even if I have the gift of faith so I could speak to a mountain and make it move, I would still be worth nothing at all without love ...*

4. NOTHING I GIVE will matter.

I Corinthians 13:3 (TLB): *"If I gave everything I have to poor people, and if I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel, but didn't love others, it would be of no value whatever,"*

5. NOTHING I ACCOMPLISH will matter.

I Corinthians 13:3b (MSG): *so No matter what say or what I believe or what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.*

BIBLICAL DEFINITIONS OF LOVE

1. Love is. **COMMAND**

2 John 1:6 (NIV): *"And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love. "*

2. Love is. **DECISION**

I Corinthians 14:1a (MSG): *"Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it because it does ... "*

3. Love is. **BEHAVIOR**

I John 3: 18 (TLB): *"Lillie children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions. "*

4. Love is. **COMMITMENT**

I John 4:1 6 (CEV): *" God is love. If we keep on loving others, we will stay one in our hearts with God, and he will stay one with us."*

**HOW DO I BUILD A LIFE OF LOVE?
I COMMIT TO SPENDING THE REST OF MY LIFE**

Experiencing and Living out

Luke 15 :7 (NIV2011): *"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."*

God's love is **FORGIVING** '

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV2011): *"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

God's love is **BEYOND MEASURE**

God's love is **ETERNAL**

John 3: 16 (N I V 20 1 1): *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

God's love is **SACRIFICIAL**

Psalm 136: 1 (NIV2011): *"Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever."*

God's love **NEVER RUNS OUT**

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