

Love! It's Indispensable

My Prayer for Our Church:

“Father, may those who enter the doors of Parkwood Gardens Church be impressed with the love of our church, for both you and for them. Let our faces shine with worship and adoration to you that all might love you with their heart, mind, soul, and strength. Allow our hands to reach out to one another in a spirit of encouragement and friendship until all will sense we are one in the bond of love. Amen!”

1. The Priority of Love

1. Language without love is noise.

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.” - 1 Corinthians 13:1

2. Gifts without love are useless.

“If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.” - 1 Corinthians 13:2

3. Sacrifice without love is a waste of time.

“If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” - 1 Corinthians 13:3

2. The Personality of Love

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

The Misuse of Our Love

1. Jealousy
2. Pride
3. Arrogance

4. Ill-mannered

5. Selfishness

6. Impatience

7. Grudges

8. Gossip

The Ministry of Our Love

1. Patient

2. Kind

3. Strong

4. Optimistic

5. Enduring

3. The Permanence of Love

“Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” - 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Closing Thought:

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

- Hebrews 10:25

Hebrews 10:25 teaches us that one of the main reasons for gathering as a church is to “encourage one another.” Write down several ways that you can encourage someone today. Then put your list into practice.

Love! It's Indispensable

My Prayer for Our Church:

“Father, may those who enter the doors of Parkwood Gardens Church be impressed with the love of our church, for both you and for them. Let our faces shine with worship and adoration to you that all might love you with their heart, mind, soul, and strength. Allow our hands to reach out to one another in a spirit of encouragement and friendship until all will sense we are one in the bond of love. Amen!”

1. The _____ of Love

1. Language without love is _____.

“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.” - 1 Corinthians 13:1

2. Gifts without love are _____.

“If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.” - 1 Corinthians 13:2

3. Sacrifice without love is a waste of _____.

“If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” - 1 Corinthians 13:3

2. The _____ of Love

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

⁵ It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

The Misuse of Our Love

1. _____
2. _____
3. Arrogance

4. Ill-mannered

5. _____

6. Impatience

7. Holding _____

8. Gossip

The Ministry of Our Love

1. _____

2. Kind

3. _____

4. Optimistic

5. _____

3. The _____ of Love

“Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.

¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” - 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Closing Thought:

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

- Hebrews 10:25

Hebrews 10:25 teaches us that one of the main reasons for gathering as a church is to “encourage one another.” Write down several ways that you can encourage someone today. Then put your list into practice.