

# Gifted

A SERIES ON SPIRITUAL GIFTS



**Right People**

doing

**Right Things**

is not as effective unless done in the

**Right Way**

**1 Corinthians 12:31-14:1**

12:31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.  
Love Is Indispensable

And yet I will show you the most excellent  
way.

14:1 Follow the way of love and eagerly  
desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

1 Cor. 12:31 & 14:1

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**Love is ESSENTIAL**

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. <sup>2</sup> 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.** <sup>3</sup> 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.**

I've learned that people will forget what  
you said, people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget how you  
made them feel.

Maya Angelou

**Love is ETHICAL**

<sup>4</sup> Love is **patient**, love is **kind**. It **does not** envy, it **does not boast**, it is **not proud**. <sup>5</sup> It **does not dishonor others**, it is **not self-seeking**, it is **not easily angered**, it **keeps no record of wrongs**. <sup>6</sup> Love **does not delight in evil** but **rejoices with the truth**. <sup>7</sup> It **always protects**, **always trusts**, **always hopes**, **always perseveres**.

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Love is ETERNAL

<sup>8</sup> 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**. <sup>9</sup> For we **know in part** and we **prophecy in part**, <sup>10</sup> but when **completeness comes**, what is in part disappears. <sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.**

<sup>13</sup> And now these three **remain**: faith, hope and love. But the **greatest of these is love.**

**If Gifts are your identity – you will  
feel detached in the new creation**

**If Love is your identity – you will  
feel at home in the new creation**

Love is God's river, flowing into the future, across the border into the country where there is no pride, no jostling for position, no contention among God's people. We are invited to step into that river. Here and now, and let it take us where it's going.

NT Wright

**LOVE** will propel you to use your gifts.

**LOVE** will posture you when using your gifts.



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