

# Life's Greatest Aim

## Building Great Relationships - Part 9 of 9

**“Make Love Your Greatest Aim”** 1 Cor. 14:1 (LB)

Why Love Is The Greatest Value:

1. All that I say is ineffective.

**“If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.”**

1 Cor. 13:1

**“Speak the truth in love . . .”**

Eph. 4:15

2. All that I know is incomplete.

**“If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge... but have not love I am nothing.”**

1 Cor. 13:12

**“Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.”** 1 Cor. 8:1

3. All that I believe is insufficient.

**“... and if I have faith that can move mountains but have not love I am nothing.”**

1 Cor. 13:2

**“... The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”**

Galatians 5:6

4. All that I give is insignificant.

**“If I give all I possess to the poor... but have not love, I gain nothing.”**

1 Cor. 13:3

5. All that I accomplish is inadequate.

**“...If I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel but didn't love others, it would be of no value whatever.”** 1 Cor. 13:3 (LB)

**“Most of all, let love guide your life...”** Col. 3:14 (LB)

Three ways to become a better lover

1. Accept Other's Unconditionally.

**“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you in order to bring praise to God.”**

Romans 15:7

**“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.”**

Romans 12:18

2. Encourage Others Continually.

**“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”**

1 Thessalonians 5:11

**“If you love someone...you will always believe in him and always expect the best of him...”**

1 Corinthians 13:7 (LB)

3. Serve People Cheerfully.

**“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”**

1 Peter 4:10

**“...You will lead by a completely different model. The greatest one among you will live as the one who is called to serve others.”**

Matthew 20:26 (Passion)

**“Christ's love compels us...”**

2 Corinthians 5:14

**SERVE DAY: SATURDAY - JULY 13, 2019**