



# EVERYONE'S CREATING LEGACY THROUGH CHARITY

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

The Future of Your Family:

**Everyone's Service Is Significant**

**Everyone's Fighting for the Common Good**

**Everyone's Engaged Through Empathy**

**Everyone's Creating Legacy Through Charity**

❖ **Charity - the highest form of love; A love that compels us to action;  
The kind of love Jesus asks of us**

1 Corinthians 13, <sup>1</sup> 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.

## Why Is Love Important?

1) Love keeps us connected to Jesus.

John 15:5-12, <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing . . . <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love . . . <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

2) Love keeps our heart on what matters.

Matthew 6:19-21, <sup>19</sup> Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

3) Love points people to Jesus.

John 13:35, By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

4) Love lasts.

*"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did,  
but people will never forget how you made them feel."*

Maya Angelou

❖ Because our hearts were created for love, loving people leaves a lasting impression.

## How Do We Love Like Jesus?

1) Love starts with humility.

❖ Biblical love is about our perspective. A perspective of humility leads to gratitude, which allows us to love like Jesus.

1 John 4:19, We love because he first loved us.

2) Love treats others how we would like to be treated.

Matthew 7:12, So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

3) Love is willing to get its hands dirty.

Luke 10:30-37, <sup>30</sup>In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' <sup>36</sup>"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" <sup>37</sup>The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

### Questions:

- 1) What did you hear from the Holy Spirit?
- 2) What will you do because of it?
- 3) How can we pray for you?