Building Great Relationships
Life's Greatest Aim
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My aim in life is _____?

"Let love be your greatest aim" 1 Corinthians 14:1 (LB)

The Priority of Love

1. All ***that I say*** is ineffective

"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. All ***that I know*** is incomplete

"If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge…but do not have love, I am nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:2

"Knowledge puffs up while love builds up." 1 Corinthians 8:1

3. All ***that I believe*** is insufficient

"And if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing." 1 Corinthians 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 do not have love, I gain nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:3

5. All ***that I accomplish*** is inadequate

"Give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing." 1 Corinthians 13:3

"If I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel, but didn't love others, it would be of no value whatever." vs. 3b (LB)

The Practice of Love

"Most of all, let love guide your life." Colossians 3:14 (LB)

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- Love is an ***action***
- Love is a ***choice***

The Permanence of Love

"It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:7-8

True love has…

- No limit to its endurance = Always Protects
- No end to its trust = Always Trusts
- No fading of its hope = Always Hopes
- It outlasts anything = Always Perseveres

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

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35

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Without Love…

1. All _____ is ineffective

2. All _____ is incomplete

3. All _____ is insufficient

4. All _____ is insignificant

5. All _____ is inadequate

The Practice of Love

- Love is an _____

- Love is a _____

The Permanence of Love

Scripture:*1 Corinthians 14:1; Corinthians 13:1-8, 13; Corinthians 8:1; Galatians 5:6; Colossians 3:14; John 13:34-35*