LOVE

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“[Love] is definitely not something found in Roman religion. Love was beside the point of religion…God loves you and cares for you, and you ought to honor and love him back. That was a very strange teaching indeed. Bizarre. Dangerous…”

—Nijay Gupta (*Strange Religion*)

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-2

If I could speak all the tongues of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:3

3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or
proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not
irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It does
not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth
wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always
hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-10

8 Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! 9 Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! 10 But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:11-12

11 When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned
as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. 12
Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a
mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity.
All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will
know everything completely, just as God now knows me
completely.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

13 Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—
and the greatest of these is love.

LUKE 6:27-28

27 “But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. 28 Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.

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LUKE 6:29-31

29 If someone slaps you on one cheek, offer the other
cheek also. If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt
also. 30 Give to anyone who asks; and when things are
taken away from you, don't try to get them back. 31 Do to
others as you would like them to do to you.

LUKE 6:32-34

32 “If you love only those who love you, why should you get credit for that? Even sinners love those who love them! 33 And if you do good only to those who do good to you, why should you get credit? Even sinners do that much! 34 And if you lend money only to those who can repay you, why should you get credit? Even sinners will lend to other sinners for a full return.

LUKE 6:35-36

35 “Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them
without expecting to be repaid. Then your reward from
heaven will be very great, and you will truly be acting as
children of the Most High, for he is kind to those who are
unthankful and wicked. 36 You must be compassionate,
just as your Father is compassionate.