

EVALUATING OUR CORPORATE HEALTH:

Love--The Ultimate Evaluation of Spiritual Health (Part 2)

1 Corinthians 13:4–8

The Characteristics of Love:

- I. Love is enriching. vv. 1–3
- II. Love is edifying. vv. 4–7
- III. Love is enduring. vv. 8–13
 - A. Love's focus: "It rejoices in the truth." vs. 6
 - B. Love's forbearance: "bears all things." vs. 7a
 - C. Love's faith: "believes all things." vs. 7b
 - D. Love's future: "hopes all things." vs. 7c
 - E. Love's fortitude: "endures all things." vs. 7d
 - F. Love's fidelity: "never fails or ends." vs. 8
 1. Gifts are temporary. vs. 8
 2. Understanding is partial. vv. 9–12
 3. Grace is eternal. vs. 13

Take Aways:

1. God is love.
2. God's people demonstrate godly love.
3. Love is not an emotion, but it is godly behavior in relationships.
4. You can never express love until you've experienced love.
5. Love changes you so you can change others.
6. Love endures forever.
7. Love is the greatest trait in the Christian's life.