

9. Even though they were Christians, the Corinthian believers didn't really believe that the wisdom of God (The Word) is greater than what?
10. The Corinthian believers allowed immorality to take place in their church and justified it by saying that they were simply what?
11. Some of the believers in Corinth were so selfish that they were focused on their what (in relation to taking other believers to court)?
12. In chapters 12-14, Paul addresses the Corinthians' wrong understanding and wrong focus on what?
13. In chapter 13, Paul is extolling the virtues of what?
14. If you don't have love you will amount to what?
15. It is obvious that the Corinthians were focused on what gift?
16. What is the only aspect of the Christian life that is eternal?
17. What ought to be most important to us now?
18. What gift is superior to the gift of tongues?
19. More important than the gift of prophecy is what?
20. A second specific comparison made in verse 8 is the eternity of love and the temporary nature of what gift?
21. The Corinthians were not only enamored with the gift of tongues/languages, they were also enamored with what?
22. The Greeks highly esteemed what?
23. The Corinthian believers allowed their culture to do what?
24. Paul knew that the Corinthian believers would never grow out of their spiritual immaturity if they didn't have the right view about what?
25. What was a second way that the Corinthian believers "missed the boat?"
26. Some believers in the church of Corinth had the right knowledge about Christian liberty and were going to exercise that, even if it destroyed whom?
27. What, according to the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul, "puffs up?"
28. Many in the Corinthian church let their knowledge lead to what?
29. Paul tells the Corinthians that the gift of tongues/languages will one day, do what?
30. Even though the gift of prophecy and the gift of knowledge will go beyond the gift of tongues, the time is coming when they will be what?
31. The gift of prophecy and the gift of knowledge will go on until it is stopped by the arrival of what?
32. "That which is perfect" is a reference to what?
33. What is the way that all of us who know Christ should live?
34. Are you pressing toward and reaching for perfection?
35. For a Jewish boy, what was an instant act, as opposed to a process?
36. "Bar-mitzvah" means what?
37. What kind of image do you get if you look into a metal mirror similar to the ones made in Corinth?
38. What is Paul saying about our understanding and knowledge when he says, "For now we see in a mirror, dimly?"
39. We walk by faith, not by what?
40. The time will come when what two things will not be necessary?
41. Why is love the greatest of faith, hope, and love?

42. In eternity, what is one thing we will do?

43. The point of I Corinthians 13 is what?

44. Are you caught up in your knowledge? Are you prideful about what you know? Are you prideful about your gifts and abilities?

45. As you look at your life, are you pursuing love?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

1) Read I Corinthians 1:1-14:5 through one time this week.

2) Read I Corinthians 12:1-14:5 three times this week and review what we have seen thus far about spiritual gifts and the topic of love.

3) Read Acts 2:1-11 and give some thought to what we know about the gift of tongues as seen in this passage.

4) What, according to the Holy Spirit, is the only specific purpose for tongues (see 14:20-22)?

5) What do you think Paul means in 14:1, "pursue or desire spiritual gifts?"

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1. When someone asks us about how one of our family members is doing, what is the first thing that usually comes to mind?

2. What is one indicator that shows that we usually think about how loved ones are doing physically, when asked how they are doing?

3. Most prayer requests are related to what?

4. In Scripture, a primary focus of prayers is on issues such as what?

5. One of the reasons why we don't focus on things like spiritual growth and maturity in our prayers is because of our natural tendency to what?

6. The Christian life should be a continual, ongoing what?

7. The Corinthian believers had, in many ways, become conformed to what?

8. The Corinthian believers' selfishness and self-centeredness was manifesting itself in what things?

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