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Pursue Love

Agape love gives and loves because it wants to; it does not demand or expect repayment from the love given. It gives because it loves, it does not love in order to receive.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another;
as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:34

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1. Pursue Love Above All Else (v1-3)

1 Corinthians 14

18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all;
19 yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding,
that I may teach others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

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Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge.
Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

1 Corinthians 8:1

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Each thing described is a good thing. Tongues are good. Prophecy and knowledge and faith are good. Sacrifice is good. But love is so valuable, so important, that apart from it, every other good thing is useless.

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1 Corinthians 6

6 But brother goes to law against brother, and that before unbelievers!

7 Now therefore, it is already an utter failure for you that you go to law against one another. Why do you not rather accept wrong? Why do you not rather let yourselves be cheated?

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3. Pursue Love Not Self (v4-6)

Love in action can work anonymously. It does not have to have the limelight or the attention to do a good job, or to be satisfied with the result. Love gives because it loves to give, not out of the sense of praise it can have from showing itself off.

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3. Pursue Love Not Self (v4-6)

Thinks No Evil: Never supposes that a good action may have a bad motive. The original implies that he does not invent or devise any evil.

Adam Clarke, Clarke's Commentary On The Bible

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1 It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father's wife! 2 And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.

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Love covers unworthy things rather than bringing them to the light and magnifying them

Thomas Constable, Expository Notes Of Dr. Constable

Love believes all things: We never believe a lie, but we never believe evil unless the facts demand it. We choose to believe the best of others.

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Love is hopeful that those who have failed will not fail again rather than concluding that failure is inevitable.

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5. Pursue Love Forever (v8)

The thought in the word translated "faileth" is falling off, like the leaves of a flower.
Love never loses its life.

G. Campbell Morgan, Expositions On The Bible

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5. Pursue Love Forever (v8)

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The main evidence of maturity in the Christian life is a growing love for God and for God's people, as well as a love for lost souls.

Warren Wiersbe, Wiersbe Bible Commentary