

The Attributes Of Love Pt17

Not Selfish

I CORINTHIANS 13:1-5a

1. *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.*
2. *And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.*
3. *And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.*
4. *Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,*
5. *Doth not behave itself unseemly, [seeketh not her own],*

I CORINTHIANS 13:5a [NIV Translation]

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I CORINTHIANS 13:5a [Amplified Translation]

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I CORINTHIANS 13:5a [Amplified Classic Translation]

5a. *Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking;*

A DOOR IN A DOOR [63-0223]

I preached here, not long ago, on The Lamb And Dove. And the lamb, you see, a lamb, a sheep, doesn't produce but one thing, that's wool. That's what he produces. And he forfeits his rights. You can take a sheep and throw him up, and put the--the--the shank hold on him, like that, and shear him all over. He'll just lay there. He forfeits his rights. After all, he growed the wool. It belongs to him, but he forfeits it.

When you tell a man that he's got to be born again, he's got to be cleaned up, from a life of sin. He, he's got to quit his lying, stealing, cheating, and--and proselyting, and carrying on. Boy, some of them blow up like a balloon; now, see, that's a goat, see, he'll kick up a storm. But a real lamb will forfeit their right.

MATTHEW 6:9-10

9. *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*
10. *Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done** in earth, as it is in heaven.*

MATTHEW 26:42

42. *He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, **thy will be done.***

MATTHEW 27:41-42

41. *Likewise also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said,*

42. *He saved others; himself he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him.*

ISAIAH 53:1-5

1. *Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*

2. *For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.*

3. *He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

4. *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

5. *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

II CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

6. *But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.*

7. *Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

TEACHING ON MOSES [56-0513]

Oh, I like to see wide-minded, sensible thinking people. I think a surgery, and a medical doctor, and a chiropractic, osteopathic, Divine healing, and all together, if any of that can help anybody, I'm for it. And when you take a doctor condemn a preacher, and the preacher condemn a doctor, and an osteopath condemn--condemn a surgeon, the surgeon condemn a medical doctor, you can imagine this, there's some selfish motive somewhere (That's right.), 'cause each one of them has proved that they help somebody.

WHEN THEIR EYES WERE OPENED [56-0420]

It looks to me like that anyone that would condemn anything that would help anyone, they--it's a selfish motive. There's something wrong with the person.

SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS [60-0109]

...I don't belong to any certain denomination, so I can stand between them and work for the Kingdom of God. No selfish motives, nothing to do, but bring in the children, let them take the church of their choice. That's the way I think God would have us to do it.

II TIMOTHY 3:1-2a

1. *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

2a. *For men shall be [lovers] of their own [selves],*

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philautos {fil'-ow-tos}

1) *loving one's self; too intent on one's interest, selfish*

ENTICING SPIRITS [55-0724]

Little old petty things. Little old things that makes you talk, or start some kind of little fussing in the church, make you take sides with something or other like that. Oh, that's ungodly. That's discord among brethren. And don't do that. You don't want that. You don't want that.

And little old things--little old tempers and **everything else that keeps you down.** Say, "God, I don't want that thing no more. I'm sick and tired of it. I'm ready today to discard it. I'm coming now, Lord, and I want to get away from all my selfishness. If my brother doesn't treat me right, I'll pray for him anyhow. If my daddy doesn't treat me right, I'll love him anyhow. If my wife doesn't treat me right, or my husband, I'll go about humble before God. Lord, I look only to Your Kingdom. I want my mind straight. I want my heart full of joys. I want to go about... When trouble is really buzzing around me, I still want to stay with my hands up and my heart pure before You, Lord, knowing this: that someday I'll meet You. I want that kind of experience. Lord, make me that from this day."

ENTICING SPIRITS [55-0724]

Now, let's lay aside every weight. If you got a temper, you got something about you that you talk when you ought not to talk, oh, God, lay it there now. Lay it there. Watch the fire of the altar come down and take it away. Watch the love of God lick it up. Watch all that old selfishness, the way you've been talking to your wife, the way you been talking to your husband, the way you been talking to your neighbor, the way you've talked about the people in the church; lay it on the altar this morning and the fire of God will come down and take it right away and Divine love will burn in its place.