

Adult Sunday School

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Identifying Character Qualities

Text: **I Cor. 13:13** *"The greatest of these is charity"*
(I Cor. 13:4-13)

When it comes to Faith, Hope and Love,
Love is the greatest.

I. Love is the Essence of God's Divine Nature

A. God is Love **I John 4:8,16**

B. God has proved His love; we must prove our
love. **John 3:16; I John 3:1,16**

C. We MUST partake of His Divine Nature
diligently. **II Peter 1:4**

II. Love is always the right motivation for building godly character qualities in the lives of our families.

A. "Let all things be done with charity" **I Cor. 16:14**

B. "Addicted themselves to the ministry of saints"
16:15

C. "Submit yourselves" **16:16**

D. A close fellowship with love → **16:20-24; 1:4-10**

E. No price is too great to prove the sincerity of your love. **II Cor. 8:7-9**

III. Love Exemplified

A. Attentiveness – not allowing difficulties to sidetrack you.

- **Rom. 8:28** *all things work together for good*
 - *To them that love God*
 - *To them who are the called*
 - *All to His purpose*
- **Deut. 4:5-9; Acts 20:24; I Thess. 3:3-4**
- **II Tim. 4:5** *Watch thou in all things*

B. Obedient in all things

II Cor. 2:9; Col. 3:20,22; Titus 2:9

C. Patient in all things

II Cor. 6:4; 12:12; Luke 21:19; Rom. 5:3-4;

Col. 1:11 *into all patience*

I Thess. 5:14; I Tim. 6:11; II Tim. 3:10; Heb. 12:1; James 5:7-10; Rev. 3:10

D. Understanding in all things

II Tim. 2:7; II Cor. 7:11

E. Temperate in all things

I Cor. 9:25

To exercise self-restraint/self-control; masterful

Father and son were riding in a horse and buggy down a straight mile stretch with the wheels of their buggy entrenched in a hardened rut. They met another traveler coming in the other direction. The father approached the man informing him he had to back up and let them pass **or he will force him to do something that he will regret.** One look at the father's face and the man backed up his own buggy to let them pass. The son who had been raised in a loving Christian home was astonished and asked, "Dad, what were you going to do that you would regret? His father answered, "I was going to back up."