**Adult Sunday School**

**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.

1. **Love is the Essence of God’s Divine Nature**
2. God is Love **I John 4:8,16**
3. God has proved His love; we must prove our love. **John 3:16; I John 3:1,16**
4. We MUST partake of His Divine Nature diligently. **II Peter 1:4**
5. **Love is always the right motivation for building godly character qualities in the lives of our families.**
6. “Let all things be done with charity” **I Cor. 16:14**
7. “Addicted themselves to the ministry of saints” **16:15**
8. “Submit yourselves” **16:16**
9. A close fellowship with love🡪**16:20-24; 1:4-10**
10. No price is too great to prove the sincerity of your love. **II Cor. 8:7-9**
11. **Love Exemplified**
12. 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*

1. Obedient in all things

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

1. Patient in all things

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.**”

**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**

1. Understanding in all things

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

1. Temperate in all things

**I Cor. 9:25**

*To exercise self-restraint/self-control; masterful*