



Introduction

Believers are encouraged to show love (reflecting the character of the loving God of the Bible).



Questions

1. What things are useless, if we don't have love (see theme)?
2. What sort of behaviour indicates that we are showing love to others?
3. What sort of behaviour do we avoid if we show love in our lives?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** We must show love, otherwise all that we do is of no value
- **v 4 to 7** We are shown that love:
 - is selfless and not proud
 - is not easily provoked and doesn't bear grudges
 - holds to what is true and dislikes what is wrong
 - endures all problems
- **v 8 to 13** Love is the attribute that will continue past our present partial knowledge and experience



Theme

Love should be central in our lives

A selection of verses showing how this theme runs consistently through the Bible.

God tells the Israelites that they should show love to all including those from other nations:

Leviticus 19 verse 18 and 34

God tells the Israelites to love him:

Deuteronomy 6 verse 5

The book of Proverbs gives a practical reason for showing love:

Proverbs 10 verse 12

Several New Testament letters encourage us to show love in our lives:

1 Thessalonians 3 verse 12

1 Timothy 1 verse 5

1 Peter 4 verse 8

The apostle John tells us the importance of showing love in our lives:

1 John 4 verses 7 and 11



? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q1: v 2 and 3, Q2: v 4 to 7, Q3: v 4 and 5