

**#1 Nothing Without Love  
I Corinthians 13:1-3**

**‘Agape’ Love: Self-Sacrifice for Another Person  
that Flows from a Desire for Their Highest Good**

**LOVE MATTERS MOST**

**1 Corinthians 13:1** *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

1. Tongues-Speaking without Love is worthless
2. Prophecy without Love is nothing
3. Comprehensive Understanding and Knowledge without Love is nothing
4. Great Faith without Love is nothing
5. Stunning Acts of Benevolence and even Martyrdom without Love amount to nothing

**1 John 4:19** *We love because He first loved us.*

**THE LOVE DARE**

“28 Days of Seeking to Love Others Like Jesus Loves Us”

**1 John 3:16** *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.*

Selfless Sacrificial **SERVING** • Mark 10:45  
 Generous Gospel **GIVING** • II Corinthians 8:9  
 Faith-Filled **FORGIVING** • Ephesians 4:32  
 Patient Persistent **PURSUING** • I John 4:19  
 Persevering Passionate **PRAYING** • Matthew 5:44

**THE LOVE DARE!**  
*Week 1*

- DAY 1: Meet a Need.** Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to someone’s need you can meet today. When the need presents itself, act. Meet the need without expecting anything in return. Thank the Lord for using you to bless someone else.
- DAY 2: Don’t react.** When wronged, offended, or slighted today, resolve by the Spirit’s power to allow Him to produce a “longsuffering” spirit in you that doesn’t react or strike back. Let it go. Overcome evil with good.
- DAY 3: Give something away.** Loving always involves giving. Bless someone by giving them something of value—some money, an item, some time, your attention (just don’t give them a piece of your mind ☺). *“It is more blessed to give than to receive”*
- DAY 4: Pray for an enemy.** Instead of stirring up your anger by replaying that person’s wrong against you, pray for him or her. Ask God for the grace to love your enemies by praying His blessing upon them.
- DAY 5: Write a note.** Let someone know how much you value their friendship or appreciate their contribution by writing, texting, or emailing a note. Make the effort to communicate what is in your heart. Take some time and write more than a sentence or two.
- DAY 6: Spread some joy today.** Do a random act of kindness for an unsuspecting person.
- DAY 7: Initiate something.** Take a small risk. Go out of your way to talk with someone you don’t really know. Engage them in a conversation about something that interests them. Show genuine interest, learn what you can about them, and review it later in your mind.

**Bible Reading**

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