

# LOVE NEVER GIVES UP & ENDURES THROUGH EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, **I would only be** a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, **I would be nothing**. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, **I would have gained nothing**.

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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. **Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.**

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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-10

Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge **will become useless**. But love will last forever! Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! But when full understanding comes, these partial things **will become useless**.

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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly as in a cloudy mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. **Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.**

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## 4 THINGS ABOUT REAL LOVE

1. Never Gives Up
2. Never Loses Faith
3. Is Always Hopeful
4. Endures Through Every Circumstance

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## 1. LOVE NEVER GIVES UP

- Why is it important to tell people Love never gives up?
- **When do you want to give up?**
  - Frustrated
  - Tired
  - Beating your head against the wall
  - Nothing is changing

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## LUKE 22:39-45

Then, accompanied by the disciples, Jesus left the upstairs room and went as usual to the Mount of Olives. There he told them, “Pray that you will not give in to temptation.”

He walked away, about a stone’s throw, and knelt down and prayed, “Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. **Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.**”

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## LUKE 22:39-45

**Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him.** He prayed more fervently, and he was in such agony of spirit that his sweat fell to the ground like great drops of blood.

At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples, only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief. “Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation.”

## MATTHEW 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. During that time the devil came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.”

But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

## MATTHEW 4:1-11

Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,

‘He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’”

Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’”

## MATTHEW 4:1-11

Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. “I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.” “Get out of here, Satan,” Jesus told him. “For the Scriptures say,

‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’”

Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

## 2. NEVER LOSES FAITH

- Faith here is the Greek Word πίστις
- Literally means “Confidence in”
- **John 3:16** - “For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who **believes** in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

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## WHAT IS FAITH?

*We walk by faith and not by sight* - **2 Corinthians 5:7**



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## 3. IS ALWAYS HOPEFUL

- In the church - being positive or optimistic often gets a bad reputation
- But the Bible says Love is always Hopeful
- What is Hope?

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## PASTOR JOEL OSTEEN

- Lakewood church averages 43,500 people in weekly attendance
- TV broadcast reaches 7 million people a week in over 100 countries
- 4 million copies sold of *Your Best Life Now: 7 steps to living at your full potential*
- Critics call him the Happy Preacher



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## WHY IS HIS MINISTRY SO LARGE?

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### 4. ENDURES THROUGH EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE

- This Greek Word literally means to ABIDE or REMAIN
- If you stay plugged into the source then it doesn't matter what happens around you
- Strength always comes from the inside - it never comes from the outside

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There is an old saying:  
*“Champions don't  
become champions in the  
ring - they are merely  
recognized there.”*



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JOE FRAZIER

“You can map out a fight plan  
or a life plan. But when the  
action starts, you're down to  
your reflexes. That's where  
you road work shows. If you  
cheated on that in the dark of  
the morning, you're getting  
found out now under the  
bright lights.”



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## CLOSING POINTS

- When the circumstances change - its too late to endure
- You've got to be ready beforehand
- You've got to do everything you can to strengthen your relationship with the Lord so that when the rug gets pulled out from underneath you - you're still standing on the Rock Jesus Christ

## PSALM 18:2

**I love you**, Lord; you are my strength.

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my savior;

my God is my rock, in whom I find protection.

He is my shield, the power that saves me,

and my place of safety.