"LOVE: Our # 1 Pursuit"

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INTRODUCTION:

*** Biblical LOVE must be the supreme characteristic of our lives.**

Why?

3 Reasons:

I. BIBLICAL LOVE IS AN <u>ESSENTIAL</u> VIRTUE (v. 1-3)

A. Without love your <u>message</u> accomplishes nothing (v. 1)

B. Without love your <u>gifts</u> (abilities) reveal you to be nothing (v. 2)

C. Without love your <u>sacrifice</u> profits you nothing (v. 3)

II. BIBLICAL LOVE IS AN <u>EXALTED</u> VIRTUE (v. 4-7)

A. Biblical love is not <u>self-centered</u> (v. 4b-5a)

B. Biblical love does <u>not seek the harm of others</u> (v. 5b-6a)

C. Biblical love seeks <u>the well-being of others</u> (v. 4a, 7)

III. BIBLICAL LOVE IS AN <u>ETERNAL</u> VIRTUE (v. 8-13)

A. Love will outlast <u>gifts</u> (v. 8)

B. Love will outlast <u>present limitations</u> (v.9-12)

C. Love will outlast <u>some present spiritual virtues</u> (v.13)