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All will be
revealed over
time

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**The proof is in the
pudding**

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Micah 6:8

- Do right (doing)
- Be kind (being)
- Walk Humbly with God (source of strength)

**I am doing all that.
But how are you doing
it?**

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**Love must be the
main factor**

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Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

I Corinthians 13:1-3



Love never Fails! | Corinthians 13:4-8

Suffers long

Kind

Does not envy

Doesn't parade
itself

Not puffed up

Isn't rude

Not self seeking

Not easily

provoked

Thinks no evil

Rejoices in truth

Bears all things

Believes all things

Hopes all things

Endures all things



**This isn't natural for us.
So how can we love
this way?**

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Love comes from God because God is love!!

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

I John 4:7-8



What are we to love?

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**Jesus boils it down to
two things:
Love God
Love Others**

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**The greatest marker of
a follower of Jesus is
Love**

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**What are some other
markers of a follower
of Jesus?**



**There should be evidence
of the Spirit** (Galatians 5:22-23)

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and
self-control

Against these there is no law!!!!!!



There should be life change

But you have not so learned Christ, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

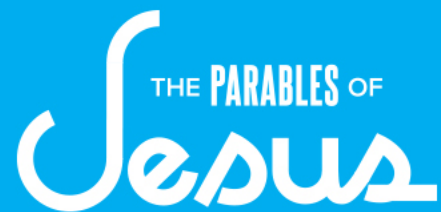
Ephesians 4:20-24



We should be pressing in

Blessed are those who hunger and
thirst for righteousness, for they shall
be filled.

Matthew 5:6



We should be pressing in

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

1 John 2:3-5

**The proof is in the
pudding:**

**The proof of the
pudding is in the eating**

Questions to Ponder

1. I may think I love well, but what would _____ say?
2. Where is God directing your attention in Paul's explanation of Love?
3. Do I really Love God and Love others?



Questions to Ponder

4. Is there a measurable difference from yesterday? Last week? Last month? Last year?
5. Am I pressing into Jesus?

