

## The Gift of Love 1 Corinthians 13

*If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love,  
I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.*

*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 do not have love, I am nothing.*

*If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast,  
but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

*Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.*

*It does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful.*

*It does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.*

*It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

*Love never ends.*

*But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease;  
as for knowledge, it will come to an end.*

*For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;  
but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.*

*When I was a child, I spoke like a child,  
I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.*

*When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.*

*For now we see in a mirror, dimly,  
but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part;  
then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.*

*And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;  
and the greatest of these is*

***Love.***

