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Know Your Score  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

How do you score your life? \_\_\_\_\_

## God's Equation for Scoring Life: (1 Cor. 13)

### I. The Love Coefficient.

1 Cor. 13:1-3 *If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.*

Love is all that counts

- Not spiritual gifts. (Vs. 1)
- Not knowledge (Vs. 2)
- Not spiritual power (Vs. 2)
- Not sacrifice (Vs. 3)

Equation:

Life's Fruit = L(G+K+P+S)

### II. The Love Self-Test.

1 Cor. 13:4-7 *Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

The Biblical definition of agape love.

- Are you patient?
- Do you act kind?
- Do you act jealous or not jealous?
- Do you brag? Are you arrogant? Or are you humble?
- Do you act unseemly? Shamefully?
- Do you seek your own benefit? Are you easily provoked to anger? Do you keep a mental list of how people wrong you?
- Do you rejoice, celebrate, and laugh at the unrighteousness in the world? Or do you celebrate the truth?
- Do you bear with others? Do you believe in others? Do you hope in Christ? Do you endure difficulty?

### III. Love's Final Exam.

1 Cor. 13:8-13 *Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part; 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. 13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

- Love is guaranteed against failure. (Vs. 8)
- Spiritual gifts can't.
- Knowledge can't.

What lasts?

- Faith - \_\_\_\_\_
- Hope - \_\_\_\_\_
- Love - \_\_\_\_\_

Point:

### Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. How do I score my life?
2. What does my love equation look like?
3. How does my life score on the love test?
4. When I face my final exam will my life have fruit that lasts?



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