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1 COR.12:31B - 13:8

"AND I WILL SHOW YOU STILL A MORE EXCELLENT WAY.

"IF I SPEAK IN THE TONGUES OF MEN AND OF ANGELS, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM A NOISY GONG OR A CLANGING CYMBAL.

AND IF I HAVE PROPHETIC POWERS, AND ALL MYSTERIES ALL UNDERSTAND AND KNOWLEDGE, AND IF I HAVE ALL FAITH, SO AS TO REMOVE MOUNTAINS, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM NOTHING.

IF I GIVE AWAY ALL I HAVE, AND IF I DELIVER UP MY BODY TO BE BURNED, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I GAIN NOTHING."



LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND; LOVE DOES NOT ENVY OR BOAST; IT IS NOT ARROGANT OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY;

IT IS NOT IRRITABLE OR RESENTFUL; IT DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONGDOING, BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH.

LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS. LOVE NEVER ENDS"



"THE LORD, THE LORD, THE COMPASSIONATE AND GRACIOUS GOD, SLOW TO ANGER, ABOUNDING IN LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS...'

EX. 34:6



### "LOVE IS A SAFE PLACE OF SHELTER, FOR IT NEVER STOPS BELIEVING THE BEST FOR OTHERS. LOVE NEVER TAKES FAILURE AS DEFEAT, FOR IT NEVER GIVES UP. LOVE NEVER STOPS LOVING."

1 COR.13:7 TPT









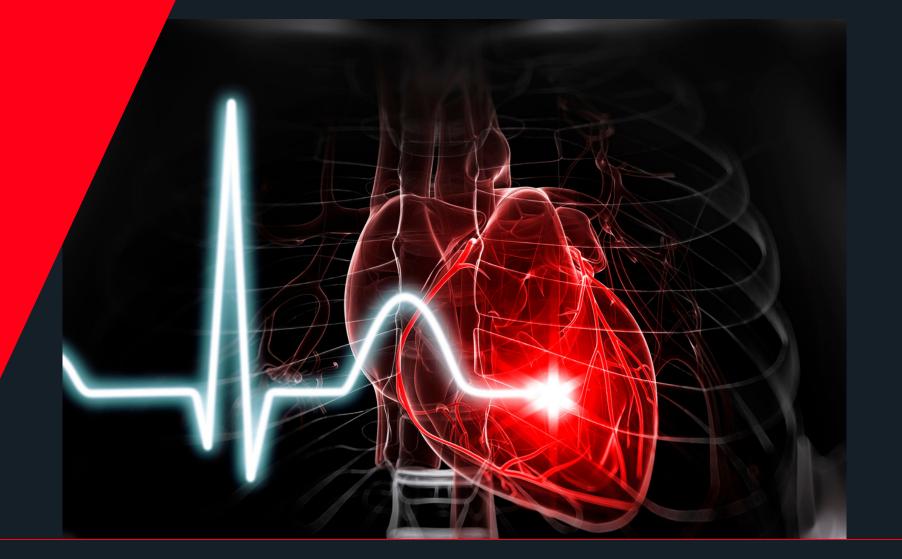


EFFECT.





### LOVE MUST BE COMMUNICATED AND EXPRESSED OR IT HAS NO







1 COR.14:1 MSG



#### "GO AFTER A LIFE OF LOVE AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT— BECAUSE IT DOES."



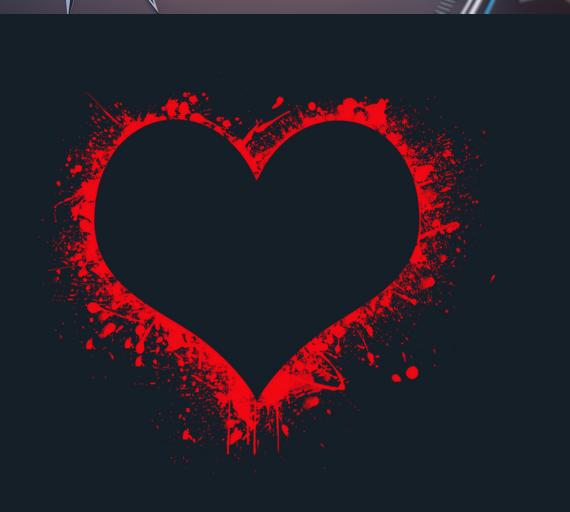






#### "AS FISH ARE MADE FOR WATER, HUMANS ARE MADE FOR LOVE." JOHN STOTT

### "I FEEL THAT THERE IS NOTHING MORE TRULY ARTISTIC THAN TO LOVE PEOPLE." VINCENT VAN GOGH









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1 COR.12:31

### "AND YET I WILL SHOW YOU THE MOST EXCELLENT WAY."

## LOVE

"Not when I breathe, but when I love, I live." 16th century Catholic poet

"A loving heart is the truest wisdom." Charles Dickens



## LOVE

Jonathan Edwards in 1765 urges,

"Be exhorted, then, as the great thing, to cherish sincere love or Christian charity in the heart. It is that which you must have; and there is nothing that will help your case without it. Without it, all will, in some respect, but tend to deepen your condemnation, and to sink you to but lower depths in the world of despair.... Charity or Christian love, which is here spoken of, is the summary of the Christian spirit"



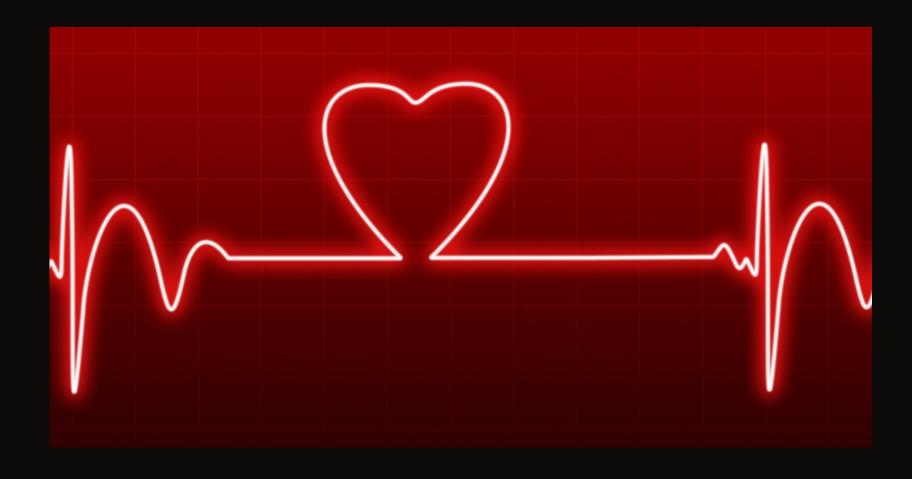
# Revival is a community saturated with God. Imagine a community saturated with love.



DuncanCampbell describing revival in Western Isles of Scotland

"Love is the Law of Life. It is the basal principle of spiritual health; the supreme constructive force of life; the maker of character, the revealer of truth, the secret of development, and the pledge of fulfilment."

"The Greatest is Love" W. Graham Scroggie p18







Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matt.22:36-40





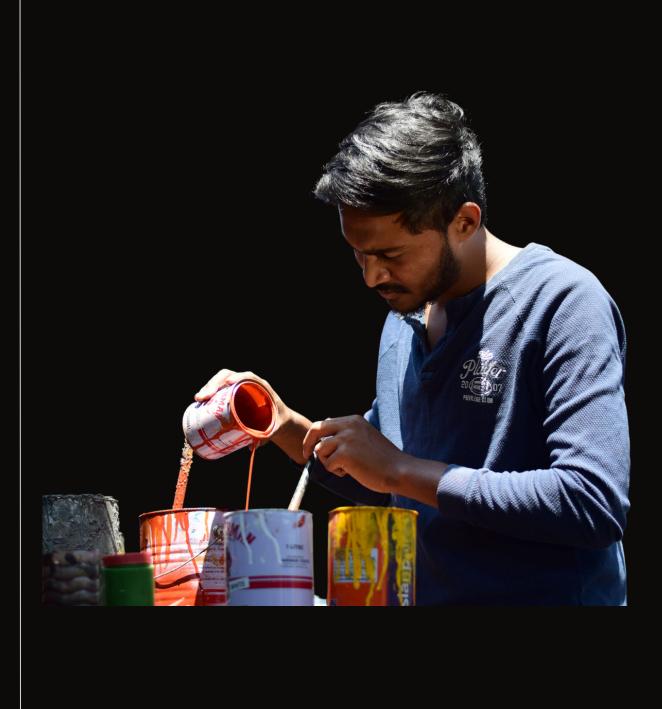
Now the business of our lives is to have these things fitted into our character. That is the supreme work to which we need to address ourselves in this world, to learn to love.

But how can we learn so great a lesson? Only by practice.

Looking at pictures does not make a man an artist; and listening to music does not make one a musician; the paints must be mixed, and the instruments must be played.

In like manner we can love in no other way than by loving.

"The Greatest is Love" W. Graham Scroggie p18







"And I will show you still a more excellent way.

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not 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 have not love, I am nothing.

If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing."

1 Cor.12:31b – 13:8





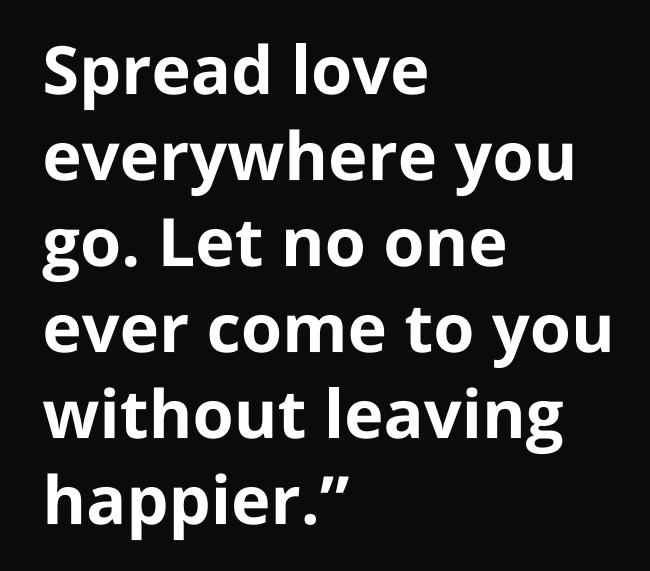
"But spiritual transformation is primarily the work of the Holy Spirit. He is the Master Sculptor... The Holy Spirit's work in transforming us more and more into the likeness of Christ is called sanctification.

Our involvement and cooperation with Him in His work is what I call the pursuit of holiness...The pursuit of holiness requires sustained and vigorous effort...At the same time however the pursuit of holiness must be anchored in the grace of God."

"The Discipline of Grace" Jerry Bridges p 11-12







**Mother Theresa** 



