

Organic: This One Thing

1 Corinthians 13

1. Begin by reading 1 Corinthians 13. Does anything initially jump out at you? Spend a minute discussing the passage and Sunday's message. Feel free to share any questions, comments, or struggles you have with the subject matter.

2. In the beginning of the chapter, Paul writes some pretty extreme statements about the importance of love. Why do you think this is the case?

3. Try proposing a few more examples that Paul could have included in his list. You may want to make it something he might say to you concerning one of your gifts ("If I preach on Sunday mornings but do not love the people I preach to, I do it for nothing.")

4. Spend some time looking at some of the original Greek words used in the famous love passage and give some examples of what this could look like in your relationships.
 - a. Is **patient** - *μακροθυμέω* – to bear up under provocation without complaint, be patient, forbearing
 - b. Does not **envy** - *ζηλώω* - to have intense negative feelings over another's achievements or success, be filled w. jealousy, envy
 - c. Does not **boast** - *περπερεύομαι* - to heap praise on oneself
 - d. Is not **proud** - *φυσιώω* - to cause to have an exaggerated self-conception, puff up, make proud
 - e. Does not **dishonor** - *άσχημονέω* - behave disgracefully, dishonorably, indecently
 - f. Not easily **angered** – *παροξύνω* - to cause a state of inward arousal, urge on, stimulate, esp. provoke to wrath, irritate
 - g. **Keeps no record** of wrongs – *λογίζομαι* - to give careful thought to a matter, think (about), consider, ponder, let one's mind dwell on
 - h. Always **protects** - *στέγω* - to bear up against difficulties, bear, stand, endure
 - i. Always **hopes** - *έλπίζω* - to look forward to something, with implication of confidence about something coming to pass, hope, hope for
 - j. Always **endures** - *ύπομένω* - to stay in a place beyond an expected point of time, remain/stay (behind), while others go away - to maintain a belief or course of action in the face of opposition, stand one's ground, hold out, endure

**There is no practice more sacred
than the way you treat other people.**