

Leadership as a Woman in Ministry

Love is Imperative to Christian Leadership

Study Pack 1a

1). Wherever God leads you, you must _____ with love and _____ to love the people.

2). According to the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, any attempt at leading apart from love spells total _____ for a Christian leader.

MEMORIZE I Corinthians 13:1-13

¹Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

²And 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, and have not charity, I am nothing.

³And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

⁴Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

⁵Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

⁶Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

⁷Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

⁸Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

⁹For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

¹⁰But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

¹¹When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

¹²For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

¹³And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

3.) The last verse in 1 Corinthians chapter 12 – says, “...and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.” The Apostle Paul wanted the church in Corinth to know that without love all that you do, all your spiritual gifts that you have – it would all be _____. The purpose of spiritual gifts was to _____ and _____ the body of Christ. But without love it would all be worth nothing.

4.) _____ said this: “I took up that word ‘love’ and I do not know how many weeks I spent in studying the passages in which it occurs, till at last I could not help loving people! I had been feeding on love so long that I was anxious to do everybody good I came in contact with. I got full of it. It ran out my fingers. You take up the subject of love in the Bible! You will get so full of it that all you have got to do is open your lips and a flood of the love of God flows out upon the meeting. There is no use trying to do church work without love. A doctor, a lawyer, may do good work without love, but _____ cannot be done without love.”

5.) Illustration:

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But put a positive number in front of the Zeros and you immediately have _____.

What does this illustrate? This is the way it is with our gifts and faith and zeal. They are zeros on the page. Without love, they count for nothing. But put _____ in front of them and immediately they have value. And just as the number two gives more value to a row of zeros than the number one does, so more and more love can add greater value to our gifts.

6.) Without love, our most extraordinary _____ and highest achievements are ultimately _____ to the church and before God.

Revelation 2:1-5

1 And to the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

7.) At one time the church of Ephesus had a genuine love for their people but their love had diminished. They had good works but the joy, creativity, responsiveness, and energy _____ because all of these things are _____ of love.

8.) God wants our love for Him to be total and undivided – we are to love Him with all our heart, soul, and mind. God wants our love for each other to be:

- a.) An _____ love
- b.) Sacrificially _____ for one another's needs
- c.) Joyously _____ one another
- d.) _____ fervently for one another

9.) The kind of love required by Christ is love for _____ people.

1 Thessalonians 3:12

And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward ALL men, even as we do toward you.

10.) Jesus states the seriousness of their sin in the church of _____:

Revelation 2:5

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

11.) What are the three things the church of Ephesus needed to change?

- a.) _____ therefore from where you have fallen
- b.) _____
- c.) _____ the works you did at first

12.) If we do not actively _____ and _____ our love for God and Christ, all other loves that we have will be diminished: our love for fellow Christians, our love for the needy and the lost, and our love for the truth.