
THE MAGIC OF LOVE

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3

Central Idea: We should seek spiritual gifts that matter most in the church. Are you blessing the church with your spiritual gifts?

Introduction:

The last problem Paul touches on in chapter 12 is the priority and importance of gifts in the church. He gives an abbreviated list of gifts but emphasizes priority. Each believer is a member of the body of Christ and has his own place in it. This point is forceful and emphatic. God has not gifted all believers with the same gift. Each believer is to desire the “greater gifts” so he can more effectively serve the Lord.

- I. Desire the Higher Gifts, 12:27-31
 1. God Chose the Members, 12:27
 2. God Established the Order, 12:28
 3. God Determined the Number, 12:19-30
 4. Desire the Greater Gifts, 12:31

- II. Desire the Greatest Gift, 13:1-3
 1. In Speaking, v. 1
 2. In Knowing, v. 2
 3. In Giving, v. 3

Conclusion:

A startling change takes place in the temper and style of the book in chapter 13. Paul has been plodding through problem after problem with deep reasoning, carefully worded arguments, explanations, and warnings. Now he boldly proclaims there is no question—what the world needs more than anything else is love! Love is the one ingredient that could revolutionize society. Love is the greatest quality of human life. Love is the supreme quality, the most excellent way for a believer to live.