



AS WE BUILD...

12:1-14:40

WE MUST
WALK IN LOVE

While we're covering a larger section of Scripture in this session, there's one major point that we need to keep our eyes on throughout: walk in love. Notice how Paul emphasizes that big idea over and over again.

1 Corinthians 12:1

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ Paul writes that “there are varieties of gifts” (12:4). In your own words, what was (12:8-10):
 - the utterance of wisdom?
 - the utterance of knowledge?
 - faith?
 - gifts of healing?
 - the working of miracles?
 - prophecy?
 - the ability to distinguish between spirits?
 - various kinds of tongues?
 - the interpretation of tongues?
- ▶ What sort of lessons can we learn from Paul's illustration of the “one body” (12:12-31)?
- ▶ Why is love “a still more excellent way” (12:31-13:13)?

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² 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. ³ 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 Corinthians 13:8

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

1 Corinthians 14:1-5

¹ Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. ² For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. ³ On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation. ⁴ The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. ⁵ Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

1 Corinthians 14:12

¹² So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

1 Corinthians 14:26

²⁶ What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

1 Corinthians 14:40

⁴⁰ But all things should be done decently and in order.

For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ Let's think about love (13:4-7)...
 - is patient?
 - is kind?
 - does not envy?
 - does not boast?
 - is not arrogant?
 - is not rude?
 - does not insist on its own way?
 - is not irritable?
 - is not resentful?
 - does not rejoice at wrongdoing?
 - rejoices with the truth?
 - bears all things?
 - believes all things?
 - hopes all things?
 - endures all things?
- ▶ What is Paul's important point in 13:8-13?
- ▶ What does Paul's repeated emphasis on "building up the church" (14:5, 12, 26) teach us about the purpose behind the miraculous gifts?
- ▶ We are "saints under construction," so what do we need to remember and apply from 12:1-14:40?