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1. The _____ of Love (13:1-3)

- a. Great _____
- b. Great _____ & _____
- c. Great _____

Without love...I am _____!

- d. Great _____
- e. Great _____

Without love...it _____ nothing!

The Challenge – Love _____!
(Eph 5:2, I John 4:7,8)

Love God _____ (Matt 22:37)

Love the truth _____ (Ps 119:97, 1:2)

Love the brethren _____ (I John 3:17,18)

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1. The Preeminence/Priority of Love (13:1-3)

- a. Great speaking (Eph 4:15,
- b. Great understanding & knowledge
- c. Great faith

Without love...I am nothing!

- d. Great giving
- e. Great sacrifice

Without love...it profits nothing!

The Challenge – Love Biblically! (Eph 5:2)

Love God supremely (Matt 22:37)

Love the truth passionately (Ps 119:97, 1:2)

Love the brethren sacrificially (I John 3:17,18)

Love others sincerely (Mark 12:31; Jude :22, Matt 5:44)