

**If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but a creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere.**

**So, no matter what I say, what I *believe*, and what I *do*, I'm bankrupt without love.**

**Love never gives up [is patient].**

**Love cares more for others than itself [is kind]....**

**Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it – because it does. **I Cor 13:1-6, 14:1** *The Message*.**

- \* *Live in love (Eph 5:2).*
- \* *Above all....clothe yourself with love (Col 3:14).*
- \* \* *Above all, maintain constant love (I Pet 4:8)*
- \* *By your love people will know you're my disciples (Jn 13:35).*
- \* *Paul prays, "that your love may overflow more and more..." (Phil 1:9)*
- \* *Paul prays, "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all... (I Thess 3:4).*

**1. Words, beliefs and deeds without love are worthless.**

**2. Love is patient, kind, etc...**

**--> Words, beliefs and deeds without patience and kindness are worthless.**

**--> The only thing that gives worth to any words, beliefs and deeds is love (patience, kindness, etc.)**

***“Love cares more for others than itself.”***