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Welcome to this companion devotion for our blog post titled “Love Is the Greatest.” The key Bible passage for this devotion comes from 1 Corinthians 13, also known as the love chapter. The following questions are designed to help you engage with the Scriptures, as well as observe, understand, and apply God’s Word to your life. I pray this devotion will inspire and motivate you to consider the benefits of applying these Bible passages and growing in your relationship with God and others.

Question #1 Lean In

Who has been a true role model of love in your life, and what characteristics of love are displayed in how they act?

Question #2 Look Down

As you read through 1 Corinthians 13 and a few other “love” passages, note what stands out most to you about God’s definition of love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NLT)

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn’t love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God’s secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn’t love others, I would be nothing. If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it but if I didn’t love others, I would have gained nothing. Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!

Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

John 13:34-35

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

1 John 4:7-8

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Question #3 Look Out

In comparison to God’s love, how does the world define and show love?

Question #4 Look In

When you read the various attributes of love in the Bible, which one(s) are most difficult for you? (Example: patience, kindness, envy, or pride, etc.)

Question #5 Application

What is one description of God’s love you will try to work on this week? Find a tangible way to show that kind of love, even when it’s difficult!

Here are a few examples:

- Show patience by taking a moment to pray before reacting.
- Work on “how” you say things, focusing on your tone and your language.
- Resist being envious by praying for that person instead.

Thank you for taking the time to go through this devotion. I pray you enjoy the accompanying blog post and find it helpful for your faith journey.