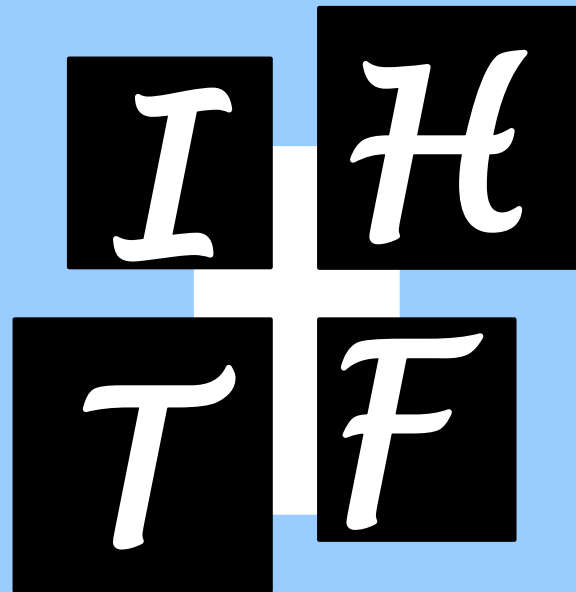


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BEING LOVABLE

Making Ourselves Lovable

1 Corinthians 13:1-8

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.

A relative once said that the difficulty does not lie with loving your neighbor as yourself, but it is the neighbor who sometimes makes it difficult to love them. The lesson here is that sometimes it is important to make ourselves lovable. It may be more difficult to attract others to Christ if they find us un-lovable and un-approachable. How can we make ourselves lovable? How can we attract others?

Being Lovable

We can draw wisdom from 1 Corinthians 13 on how we can make ourselves lovable. Being patient can be an attractive force to draw others to Christ. Kindness will draw people to us and consequently to Christ. Being envious of others will drive them away from us, as well as being boastful and proud. No one wants to associate with a proud and arrogant person who also dishonors others. Being self-seeking will surely alienate us from others, just as being easily angered or keeping record of wrongs with the intention of retaliation. Proverbs 25:24 says it is better to live on a corner of the roof than to share a house with a quarrelsome wife or any person. Delighting in evil but not rejoicing with the truth will not make anyone want to have anything to do with us. People are attracted to people who always protect, always trust, always hope, always persevere with them in difficult times. People love people who do not consistently fail them. Being lovable is an attractive quality every believer must strive to attain. Just like Jesus Christ, believers are encouraged to seek favor with God and man by living lives marked by integrity, kindness, humility, patience and devotion. Practicing love and making ourselves lovable in relationships are ways to attain favor with God and men.

Take Away

Believers are encouraged to seek favor with God and man by living lives marked by integrity, kindness, humility, patience and devotion. Practicing love and making ourselves lovable in relationships are ways to attain favor with God and men. People who want to love us should not be put off by our attitude towards them. May the Holy Spirit enable us not only to desire to love, but also make ourselves lovable. Amen!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!