

**"... But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all. 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!"**

1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:8

The best way of life! As I was thinking about what scripture to include, 1 Corinthians 13 kept coming to mind. This scripture is often referenced in lessons on marriage. While it is a guide for loving our spouse, it is so much more.

God showed me something new this time. The last sentence of chapter 12, "But now let me show you a way of life that is best of all!"

Jesus calls His followers to love like no other – to love others, not just our spouses like He loves.

## **P R A Y E R**

**Dear Father, change our hearts so that we are not jealous, boastful, proud, rude, demanding our way, irritable, keeping records of wrong or rejoicing in injustice. But, rather live the best way of life by loving others with a love that is patient, kind, never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance. Thank you for the ultimate example of love in sending your son, Jesus, to show us the best life. In His name, amen**

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