

THE MOTIVE OF MINISTRY (PART 2)  
(2 Corinthians 5:14-15; 1 Corinthians 13:1-7)

The Motive of Ministry is Love

- I. The **Control** of love (2 Cor. 5:14-15).
- II. The **Importance** of love (1 Cor. 13:1-3).
- III. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love (1 Cor. 13:4-7).
  1. The \_\_\_\_\_ statements of love.
    - Love is patient - the capacity to be \_\_\_\_\_ and not \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Love is kind - the \_\_\_\_\_ toward others.
  2. The \_\_\_\_\_ statements of love.
    - Love is not jealous - to \_\_\_\_\_ with zeal.
    - Love does not brag - to \_\_\_\_\_ in oneself.
    - Love is not arrogant - to be \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Love does not act unbecomingly - \_\_\_\_\_ behavior.
    - Love does not seek its own - to \_\_\_\_\_ one's own way.
    - Love is not provoked - to be \_\_\_\_\_ to anger.
    - Love does not take into account a wrong suffered - to hold \_\_\_\_\_.

- Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ statements of love.
    - Love bears all things - to \_\_\_\_\_ others.
    - Love believes all things - to offer the \_\_\_\_\_ of charity to others.
    - Love hopes all things - to hold on with hope that God will \_\_\_\_\_ in others.
    - Love endures all things - to remain \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of difficulties.

**Group Discussion Questions**

(Read the passage together as a group before discussing the questions)

1. How do the first two statements about love reflect the gospel?
2. Of all the negative statements of love, which one is the easiest for you to practice? Which is the most difficult for you? Why?
3. In the last four statements what is meant by "all things"?
4. When you think about the last four statements, can you think of a time from your own life when love was demonstrated in one of these four ways, either by you or towards you?
5. What stood out to you from the text or message that you would like to explore further? What will you do to apply this message this week?