

## Gifts 3 Discussion

1-Does the context of 1 Corinthians 13 change the way you think about it at all?

2-Is it scary to you that it isn't just what we do that matters, but that it is also, the heart with which we do it that God takes into account?

3-Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 then Deuteronomy 28:47-48

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

47 Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and gladness of heart, because of the abundance of all things,  
48 therefore you shall serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger and thirst, in nakedness, and lacking everything. And he will put a yoke of iron on your neck until he has destroyed you. - Deuteronomy 28:47-48

Do you see the connection between the two passages?

In 1 Corinthians 13 Paul is saying that a right use of the gifts with the wrong motive is worthless. In Deuteronomy 28 God is telling the Israelites that serving Him without love (joyfulness and gladness of heart) is worthless. God's standard has not changed.

4-With God's insistence on love as our motivator being well established, let's tackle a practical question: if love for God and His people is not your current motivation and concern, what do you do about that? How do we become more loving? How do we become more concerned with God's glory and less concerned with ours? How do we come to care more for others than ourselves?