

## “Kind Love”



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The Word tells us that people will know Christ’s followers by their love. Apostle Paul gives us an excellent description of love 1 Corinthians:

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup>It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup>Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup>Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. . . <sup>13</sup>And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. <sup>1 Cor. 13:4-8,13 NIV</sup>

I am amazed at the people who are blessed by a kind word or the fact that someone shows interest in their lives.

Let us make sure we exhibit the Love of God to everyone we encounter. I have been amazed how our Heavenly Father has used The Sojourner and I to impact the lives of hurting people that first got to know us just because we spoke kind words to

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them or accepted them as important despite how others treat them. The Lord used these acts of love as a base to bring those people close to him.

Now please do not think I am saying that being loving means that we need to be pushovers and call acceptable any activity. A parent shows love for their child by pushing the little one away from a fire even if the child wants to touch it. Sometimes treating people with love means kindly, and without judgment, telling them how their actions go against the will of God. People often do not like to hear words of “tweaking” or correction, but if there is a foundation of love by the speaker these words are more likely to be heard.

Let us address all we meet with the love described in 1 Cor. 13.

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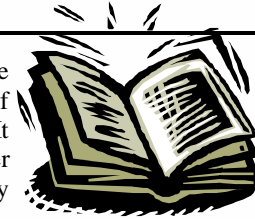
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## “The Word Or Just Words” (Teaching Sketch)

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (NIV)



Words are under attack in the world today! Even freedom of speech may be in peril. It seems there is a concern over what is said and who may say what.

God gave mankind the freedom to say whatever a person chooses to say. This freedom is a part of “free will.” The Bible tells us, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and those that love [to have *affection for*] it shall eat the fruit thereof.”<sup>[a]</sup> It is very interesting that the word “power” used here also means, a *hand* (the *open one* [indicating *power, means, direction*, etc.]

People often speak words with little thought as to their meaning or what consequences can be attached to their words. The understanding of this is very important as unintended consequences can be devastating! An action always follows words.

### Let There Be

When God created all that is he said “Let there be,”<sup>[b]</sup> Later

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Pr. 18:21

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Gen. 1:3;  
1:6; 1:9;  
1:11;  
1:14—26

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Col. 3:16-17

we find in Paul’s Letter to the Colossians Paul admonishes those in the body of believers there to

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

### Not Just Talk!

The use of language is for more than to just make a sound. Many living things make sounds but the living being created to have dominion over the earth is meant to create sound in the form of language that brings something of substance into existence.

It is very unfortunate that language was used by Satan to deceive Adam and Eve in the Garden so long ago. Their

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Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

## Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

<sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues<sup>[a]</sup> of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>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 have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames,<sup>[b]</sup> but have not love, I gain nothing.

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### Just so you'll know:

**Our service is informal.** We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

**Our service usually follows this general pattern:**

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
  - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship** ([Offerings are placed in the basket at this time.](#))
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
  - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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deception brought about such massive consequences that they are still being dealt with today!

Many people talk about the world and what is happening today with little hope of being able to have an affect to make things better.

Some people devise intricate plans to

"make things better" and vanquish injustice from a fallen world they do not understand is fallen. The result is they attempt to get others to submit to their will and version of the perfect world. People attempt to create or take over governments to bring about their own conceived version of perfection. These plans are just words but with sometimes grave consequences. Why, because though they may not accept God and God's plan, their words still create because they are made in the image and likeness of God.<sup>[d]</sup> While what they say may just be words, these words are conceived in their hearts and create substance in the world around them!<sup>[e]</sup>

**"The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks."**

(Luke 6:45 NIV)

### Power Of "The Word"

We can see that words have power. When a person accepts Christ as Lord and Savior their words then have even more power than before because their words are coming from a vessel containing the Holy Spirit of God. Their words are able to reverse the curse of sickness, disease, doubt, and unbelief. These are not just words of positive affir-

mation or thinking which do have value on changing ones mind and encouraging a person in a productive direction, but are words that have power to speak from the Kingdom of God—the words of The Kingdom. "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; ..."<sup>[f]</sup> This division is between the soul (mind) and the spirit. When the mind is renewed it will not block the spirit from allowing the Holy Spirit to demonstrate God's power through the believer. Allow The Word to renew you and empower you to restore God's plan for mankind and earth!

### Notes:

[d]  
Gen.  
1:26

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Luke  
6:45

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Heb.  
4:12