# 1 Corinthians 13 New International Version (NIV)

**13**If I speak in the tongues[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians+13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28667a)] 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,[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians+13&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-28669b" \o "See footnote b)] 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. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. **9**For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10**but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. **11**When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. **12**For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

**13**And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

**§1**

**percussion instruments**

**talent**

**prediction**

**come to understand**

**own**

**abandon**

**suffering, difficulties**

**so that I can**

**show off**

**earn, win**

**§2**

**covet, desire**

**smug, arrogant**

**debase**

**opportunistic**

**enraged, made angry**

**injustices, offences**

**rejoice, take pleasure**

**takes pleasure in**

**carries on, persists**

**§3**

**declines, falls short**

**stop**

**made to stop**

**predict**

**thought, understood**

**because**

**an image**

**§4**

**are still left**

**the most important**

**Paul** the **Apostle** commonly known as Saint **Paul**

#### Footnotes:

1. [1 Corinthians 13:1](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians+13&version=NIV#en-NIV-28667) Or *languages*
2. [1 Corinthians 13:3](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians+13&version=NIV#en-NIV-28669) Some manuscripts *body to the flames*

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