



## Sermon Outline for August 8, 2010

### *The Most Excellent Way*

1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:1-8

**“LOVE DOES NOT \_\_\_\_\_ . IT IS NOT \_\_\_\_\_ .”**

*“Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them.*

*If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.*

*So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets,  
as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men.*

*I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.*

*But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,  
so that your giving may be in secret.*

*Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”*

Matthew 6:1-4

**ONE: IT PRODUCES \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye  
and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?*

*How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’  
when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?*

*You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye,  
and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.”*

Matthew 7:3-5

**TWO: IT PRODUCES \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”*

Galatians 5:26

**THREE: IT PREVENTS \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”*

1 John 1:8

**FIRST: ACCEPT OUR \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*

Romans 3:23

*“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you:*

*Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought,  
but rather think of yourself with sober judgment,*

*in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.”*

Romans 12:3

*“Who can say, ‘I’ve kept my heart pure; I am clean and without sin?’”*

Proverbs 20:9

*“Pride goes before destruction, a haughty [arrogant] spirit before a fall.”*

Proverbs 16:18

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**SECOND: RECOGNIZE GOD'S** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"What are you so puffed up about? What do you have that God hasn't given you?  
And if all you have is from God, why act as though you are so great,  
and as though you have accomplished something on your own?"*

1 Corinthians 4:7 (LB)

*"Every good and perfect gift is from above,  
coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,  
who does not change like shifting shadows."*

James 1:17

**THIRD: EXPERIENCE GOD'S** \_\_\_\_\_.

*". . . I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,  
may have power, together with all the saints,  
to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,  
and to know this love that surpasses knowledge . . ."*

Ephesians 3:17-19

*"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:  
While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

Romans 5:8

