

Sermon Outline for August 29, 2010

*The Most Excellent Way*

1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:1-8

**“LOVE KEEPS NO \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_.”**

(Scriptures this morning will be read from the Good News Translation.)

**FIRST POINT: WHAT \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

*One: What people \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ !*

*“You have no troubles, yet you make fun of me:  
You hit a man who is about to fall.”  
Job 12:5*

*Two: What people \_\_\_\_\_ about \_\_\_\_\_ !*

*“You think you are better than I am and regard my troubles as proof of my guilt.”  
19:5*

*Three: What people \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ !*

*“My closest friends look at me with disgust;  
those I love most have turned against me.”  
19:19*

**SECOND POINT: THE \_\_\_\_\_ WITH \_\_\_\_\_ .**

*One: It is not \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*“To worry yourself to death with resentment  
would be a foolish, senseless thing to do.”  
5:2*

*“Keep your temper under control;  
it is foolish to harbor a grudge.”  
7:9*

*Two: It is \_\_\_\_\_ .*

*“Some men stay healthy till the day they die.  
They die happy and at ease, their bodies well nourished.  
Others have no happiness at all; they live and die with bitter hearts.”  
21:23-25*

*“Being cheerful keeps you healthy. It is a slow death to be gloomy all the time.”  
Proverbs 17:22*

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THIRD POINT: THE \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_.

*One:* \_\_\_\_\_ *our* \_\_\_\_\_.

*"I can't be quiet.  
I'm angry and I'm bitter.  
I have to speak."  
7:11*

*"I am tired of living. Listen to my bitter complaint.  
Don't condemn me God. Tell me!  
What is the charge against me?"  
10:1*

*Two:* \_\_\_\_\_ *our offender.*

*"After Job prayed for his three friends,  
God made him prosperous again  
and gave him twice as much as he had before."  
42:10*

*Three:* \_\_\_\_\_ *our* \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Put your heart right, reach out to God.  
Put evil and wrong from your home.  
Then face the world again, firm and courageous.  
Then all your troubles will fade from your memory  
like floods from your past and be remembered no more.  
Your life will be brighter than sunshine at noon,  
and life's darkest hours will shine like the dawn."  
11:13-17*

1. Get our heart right.
2. Reach out to God.
3. Face the world again.

***"THE LORD BLESSED THE LAST PART OF JOB'S LIFE  
EVEN MORE THAN HE BLESSED THE FIRST."  
42:12***