



LOVE vs.  
STATUS

## John 13:34-35

*A new command I give you:  
Love one another. As I have  
loved you, so you must  
love one another. By this  
everyone will know that  
you are my disciples, if you  
love one another.*



LOVE  
VS.

*We who used to value the acquisition of wealth and possessions more than anything else now bring what we have into a common fund and share it with anyone who needs it. We used to hate and destroy one another and refused to associate with people of another race or country. Now, because of Christ, we live together with such people and pray for our enemies.*

*-Justin Martyr, 150 AD*



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## 1 Corinthians 13

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have 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 do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*



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## 1 Corinthians 13

*<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 does not dishonor others, 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.*



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## 1 Corinthians 13

*<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>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.*



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## 1 Corinthians 13

*<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*



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Corinthian church was  
measuring their spiritual  
status on the  
prominence of their  
spiritual gifts.



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# Speech Status

*If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.*



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# Knowledge Status

*If I have the gift of  
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all knowledge*



LOVE  
VS.

# Power Status

*If I have a faith that can  
move mountains*



LOVE  
VS.

# Service Status

*If I give all I possess to  
the poor and give over  
my body to hardship  
that I may boast*



LOVE  
VS.

A glowing heart shape with a multi-colored, iridescent border. Inside the heart, the word "LOVE" is written in white, uppercase letters, and "VS." is written in a smaller, light blue, lowercase font below it.

LOVE  
VS.

The greatest indicator of  
spiritual growth and  
maturity is love.



A glowing heart shape with a multi-colored, iridescent border, set against a dark blue background. The heart is positioned on the left side of the image. Inside the heart, the words "LOVE" and "VS." are written in a white, sans-serif font. "LOVE" is on the top line and "VS." is on the bottom line, both centered within the heart's outline.

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