

## Youth Bible Study Lesson 16

### I Cor. 13:7 **Charity believeth all things**

Does this mean that if someone tells me the moon is made of green cheese that I should believe it?

We are instructed to make judgments

I Cor. 6:4 "If then ye have \_\_\_\_\_ of things pertaining to this \_\_\_\_\_, set them to \_\_\_\_\_ who are least esteemed in the church."

Phil. 1:9, 10 "And this I pray that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all \_\_\_\_\_; That ye may \_\_\_\_\_ things that are \_\_\_\_\_."

We do discern but we are to be characterized by a positive thought pattern. Don't you appreciate it when you say something and people believe you? Do you know people who always question what you say? "Why would you say that?" "What makes you think that?" "How do you know?" "I never heard that." "That doesn't sound right to me." Always challenging and questioning people demonstrates a superior, distrustful attitude. If you do this, STOP IT!

When the love of God is operating (charity) in you, you'll hold others in esteem. Rom. 12:10 "Be kindly \_\_\_\_\_ one to another with brotherly love, in honor \_\_\_\_\_ one another;"

Phil. 2:3 "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in \_\_\_\_\_ of mind let each \_\_\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_."

Giving others the benefit of the doubt. It's easy to be critical, judgmental and accusing. These sinful attitudes do not spring from the heart of God.

### I Cor. 13:7 **Charity hopeth all things**

Are you characterized by hope?

Rom. 15:13 "Now the God of \_\_\_\_\_ fill you with all \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in believing, that ye may \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

We are to abound in hope. The absence of hope is despair. God is a God of hope. God never has a day, moment or second in which He loses hope. God has confident assurance that all He has promised and planned will indeed come to pass. I love Eph. 2:10. I think of it as God's purpose statement. "That in the dispensation of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ he might gather together in one \_\_\_\_\_ things in \_\_\_\_\_, both which are in \_\_\_\_\_, and which are in \_\_\_\_\_, even in him:" There is no doubt in God's mind that this will happen!

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We are saved from all the despair of Rom. 8:18, the \_\_\_\_\_ of this present time and the bondage of \_\_\_\_\_ of vs. 21 and the groaning and \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ in vs. 22 and even we ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ within ourselves in vs. 23, by the \_\_\_\_\_ of vs. 24. Yes hope, confidently, patiently, waiting for the promise of God.

As Job sat there in all his infirmity, trial and tribulation he did not lose hope. Job 19:25, 26. "For I \_\_\_\_\_ that my \_\_\_\_\_ liveth, and that he shall \_\_\_\_\_ at the latter day upon the \_\_\_\_\_: vs. 26 And though after my skin \_\_\_\_\_ destroy this \_\_\_\_\_, yet in my \_\_\_\_\_ shall I \_\_\_\_\_."

Did Job have an occasional lapse into despair? Job 7:5, 6, vs. 6 "...and are spent \_\_\_\_\_ hope." But he would come back to his unfailing confidence in God.

Rom. 15:13 told us that joy and peace come by \_\_\_\_\_ producing abounding hope. Believing the word of God will \_\_\_\_\_ work in those that believe, I Thess. 2:13.

Going through life confidently waiting for the glory ahead is God's desire.

Col. 1:27 "...Christ in you, the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

I believe that I Cor. 13:7 also includes an attitude of hope for others. Some people are black belts in dashing the hopes of others. "They'll never amount to anything." "Nothing good will come of him." "I gave up on her a long time ago." "They'll never get saved." Aren't you glad God came after you with his love?? He pursued you all the way to Calvary.

Rom. 5:8 "But God commendeth his \_\_\_\_\_ toward us, in that, while we were yet \_\_\_\_\_, Christ died for us."

Hope will spring into action towards those around us. Bringing the good news of God's love and grace and the power of the word of God into any and every situation. We have the answers to life's most difficult problems. Let's bring God's hope to those around us.

### **I Cor. 13:7 Charity endureth all things**

God's love operating in us goes the distance. An endurance runner is different than a sprinter. I've known a lot of Christian sprinters. What would it take to make you quit finishing the course? Trouble in the church? A sinning saint? A cross word from the pastor? All these things and countless others have sidelined many a believer. Paul says in II Tim. 2:10 "Therefore I \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_ for the elect's sakes..." How and why does he say this? Look back at vs. 9 because the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_. The Word of God is not disabled by anything. The Word of God can not be destroyed by anyone.

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The Word of God is not ineffective because someone denies it. The Word of God is not weak because it is not applied. The Word of God is not chained because people ignore it. The Word of God is not bound. In vs. 9 Paul suffered \_\_\_\_\_ as an \_\_\_\_\_ doer. He was imprisoned, beaten, persecuted, forsaken, stoned, etc. Read II Cor. 11:23-33.

I dare say none of us has had 10 minutes let alone years of those experiences. And we're not enduring? Charity, the love of God operating in our life, endureth all things!

Next week we will look at just a few closing thoughts on charity.

### Lesson 16 Answers and Comments

Correction – Eph. 2:10 should be Eph. 1:10

Judgments	know
Life	redeemer
Judge	stand
Judgment	earth
Approve	worms
Excellent	body
Affectioned	flesh
Preferring	see
Lowliness	God
Esteem	believing
Better	effectually
Themselves	hope
Hope	glory
Joy	love
Peace	sinners
Abound	endure
Hope	things
Fullness	word
Time	God
All	bound
Christ	trouble
Heaven	evil
Earth	
Sufferings	
Corruption	
Travailing	
Pain	
Groan	
Hope	

I hope you have committed to memory I Cor. 13:4-7. Each of these facets of Charity define how the love of God is designed to operate in each of our lives as believers. I'm so thankful I don't have to count on my love to do the job! But God's love!

Rom. 5:5 "...because the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is shed abroad in our \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

This is not human love but the love of God manifest in our life. Now there's an infinite supply to example charity to the lovely, the unlovely, the kind, the mean and the nasty. And who gets the glory??

II Thess. 1:12 "That the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ may be \_\_\_\_\_in you, and ye in him, according to  
the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ." What a privilege!