

“LOVE ON TOP: THE SUPREME LOVE OF THE LORD”

I CORINTHIANS 13 BIBLE STUDY SLIDES

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LOVE: THE SUPREME COMMAND/VIRTUE



37 Jesus replied: “ **Love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ [Dt 6:5]
38 This is the **first and greatest commandment**. 39 And the **second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor** as yourself.’ [Lev 19:18] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two **commandments.**” (Mt 22:37-40, NIV)

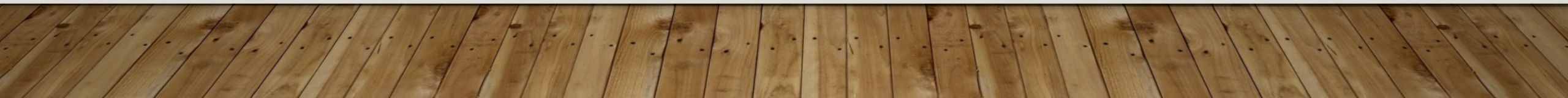




CONTEXT:
USE OF THE SPIRIT'S GIFTS WITHOUT
THE FRUITS THE SPIRIT GIVES



Now to each one the **manifestation**
of the Spirit is given for the
common good. (1 Cor 12:7, NIV)



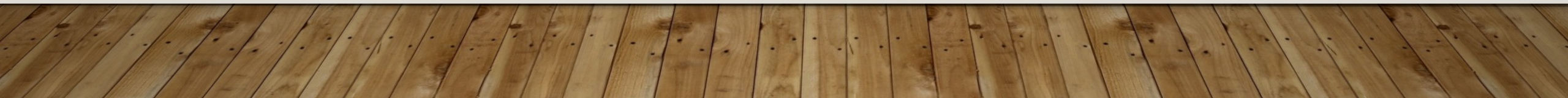


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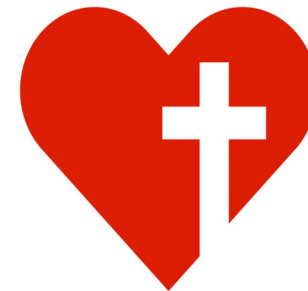
8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of **wisdom**, to another a message of **knowledge** by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another **prophecy**, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another **speaking in different kinds of tongues**, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

(1 Cor 12:8-11, NIV)

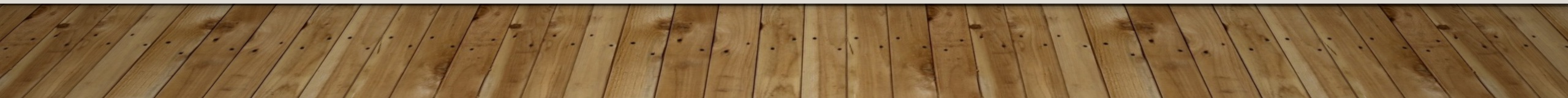




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27 Now you are the **body of Christ**, and **each one of you is a part of it**.
28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?
(1 Cor 12:27-30, NIV)



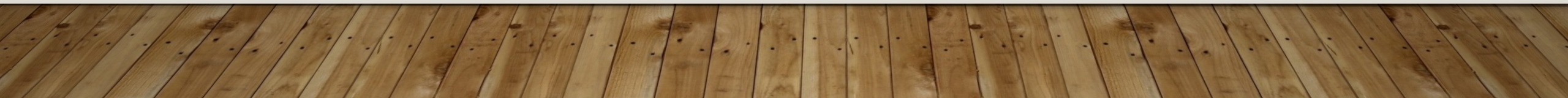


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Now eagerly desire the **greater gifts**.

And yet I will show you the most excellent way. (1 Cor 12:31, NIV)





LOVED PEOPLE
SHOULD LOVE PEOPLE



But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8, NIV)





LOVE: A FRUIT
OF THE SPIRIT



22 But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, joy, peace,
forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23 gentleness and self-control. Against such
things there is no law. (Gal 5:22-23, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 13:1 LOVELESS LANGUAGE



If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. (1 Cor 13:1, AT)





I CORINTHIANS 13:2
LOVELESS PROPHECY,
KNOWLEDGE, AND FAITH



And if I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. (1 Cor 13:2, AT)

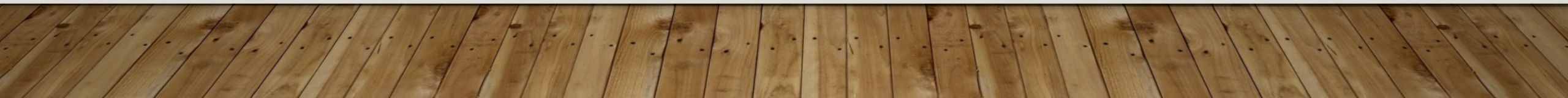




I CORINTHIANS 13:3
LOVELESS SELF-GIVING

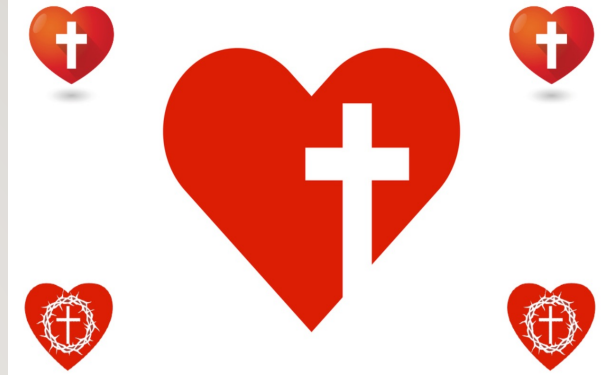


And if I give away all of my possessions,
and if I hand over my body so that I will be
burned, but do not have love, I gain
nothing. (1 Cor 13:3, AT)





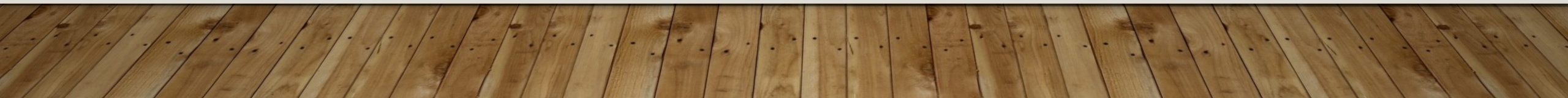
I CORINTHIANS 13:3 LOVELESS SELF-GIVING



If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body **to be burned**, but have not love, I gain nothing. (1 Cor 13:3, **ESV**)

And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body **to be burned**, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. (1 Cor 13:3, **NASB**)

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body **to be burned**, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. (1 Cor 13:3, **KJV**)





I CORINTHIANS 13:4
WHAT LOVE IS
AND ISN'T



Love is forbearing [μακροθυμία | *makrothymia*]; love is kind. Love does not envy, it does not brag, it is not conceited [φυσιόω | *physioō*]. (1 Cor 13:4, AT)



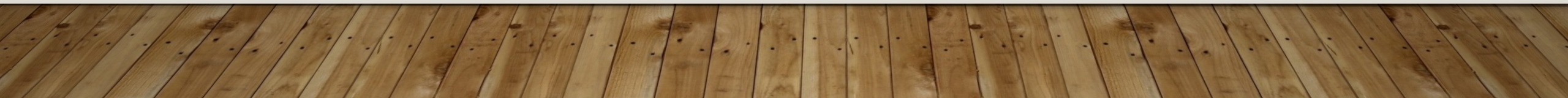


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(Gal 5:22-23, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 13:4
WHAT LOVE ISN'T:
BOASTFUL



Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who **boasts boast** in the Lord.”
(1 Cor 10:31, NIV; cf. Jer 9:24)





I CORINTHIANS 13:4
WHAT LOVE ISN'T:
PROUD



It is actually reported that there is **sexual immorality** among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: **A man is sleeping with his father's wife.** 2 And you are **proud** [*φυσιοῶ* | *physioō*]! Shouldn't you rather have gone into mourning and have **put out of your fellowship** the man who has been doing this? (1 Cor 5:1-2, NIV)

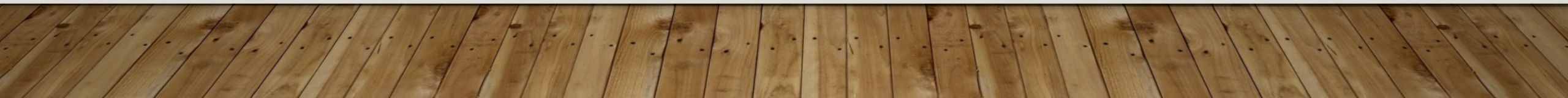




I CORINTHIANS 13:5
WHAT LOVE ISN'T



It does not behave dishonorably
[ἀσχημονέω | *aschēmoneō*], it is not self-
seeking, it is not provoked to anger, it does
not keep record of wrong. (1 Cor 13:5, AT)





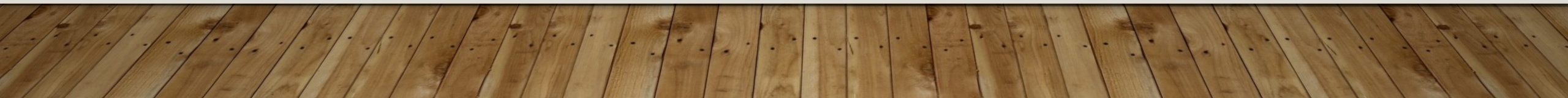
I CORINTHIANS 13:5
WHAT LOVE ISN'T:
SHAMEFUL



25 They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

26 Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged **natural sexual** relations for **unnatural** ones. 27 In the same way the men also abandoned **natural** relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed **shameful acts** [ἀσχημοσύνη | *aschēmosynē*] with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

(Rom 1:25-27, NIV)



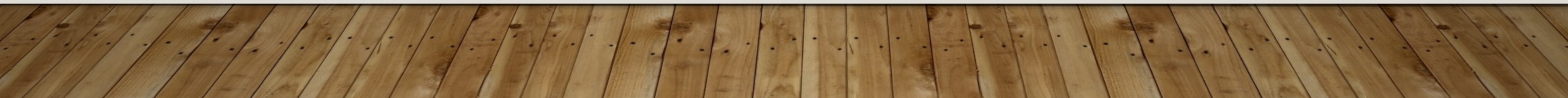


1 CORINTHIANS 13:5
WHAT LOVE ISN'T:
SELF-SEEKING



**3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain
conceit. Rather, in humility value others above
yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests
but each of you to the interests of the others.**

(Php 2:3-4, NIV)

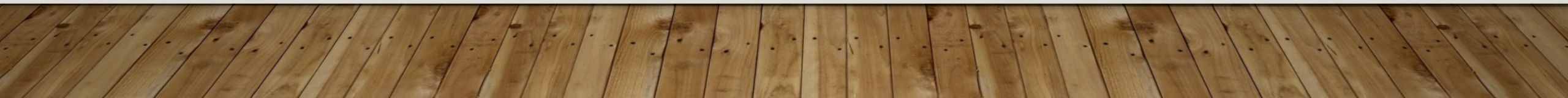




I CORINTHIANS 13:5
WHAT LOVE ISN'T:
SELF-SEEKING



23 “I have the right to do anything,” you say—but not everything is beneficial. “I have the right to do anything”—but not everything is constructive. 24 **No one should seek their own good, but the good of others.** (1 Cor 10:23-24, NIV)





1 CORINTHIANS 13:6
TRUE LOVE IS NOT
MORALLY INDIFFERENT



It does not rejoice because of
unrighteousness, but rejoices
with the truth. (1 Cor 13:6, AT)



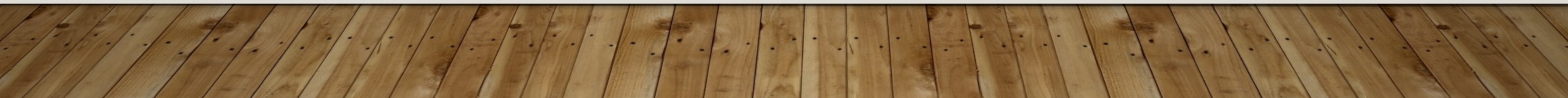


I CORINTHIANS 13:6
TRUE LOVE IS NOT
MORALLY INDIFFERENT



**Love must be sincere. Hate what
is evil; cling to what is good.**

(Rom 12:9, NIV; cf. Ps 97:10)

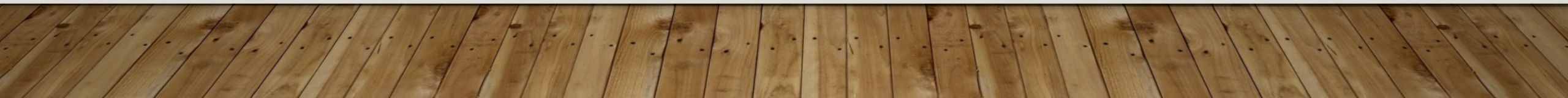




I CORINTHIANS 13:6
TRUE LOVE IS NOT
MORALLY INDIFFERENT



Whoever **s pares the rod hates** their children,
but the one who **loves** their children is **careful to discipline them.**
(Pr 13:24, NIV)



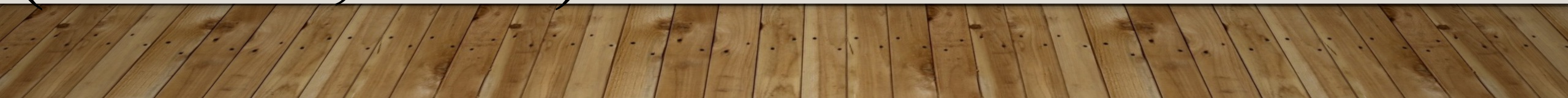


I CORINTHIANS 13:6
TRUE LOVE IS NOT
MORALLY INDIFFERENT



Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

(Jn 14:6, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 13:7
WHAT LOVE IS



It is always bearing, always faithful,
always hopeful, and always
persevering. (1 Cor 13:7, AT)

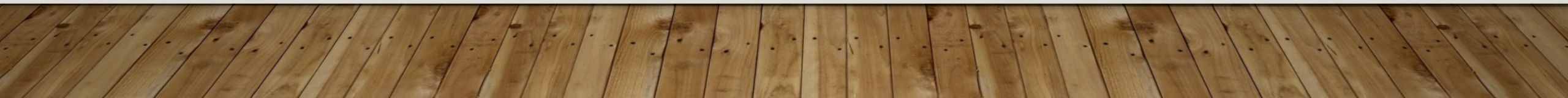




I CORINTHIANS 13:7 WHAT LOVE IS



8 Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it—I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while—9 yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but **because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended** and so were not harmed in any way by us. (2 Cor 7:8-9, NIV)



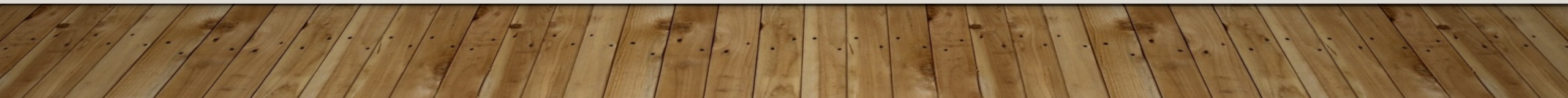


I CORINTHIANS 13:7
WHAT LOVE IS



Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

(2 Cor 7:10, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 13:8
LOVE LASTS FOREVER
(UNLIKE SPIRITUAL GIFTS)



Love never fails. But if there are prophecies, they will come to an end. If there are tongues, they will cease. If there is knowledge, it will come to an end. (1 Cor 13:8, AT)





I CORINTHIANS 13:9-10
THE IMPERFECT ENDS
WHEN THE PERFECT COMES



9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. 10 But when the perfect comes, what is in part comes to an end. (1 Cor 13:9-10, AT)



I CORINTHIANS 13:11
TIME TO
GROW UP!



When I was a child, I would talk like a child, I would form opinions like a child, I would reason like a child. When I became a man, I put childish things to an end. (1 Cor 13:11, AT)





I CORINTHIANS 13:12
FULL INSIGHT,
FULLY IN SIGHT



For now we see through a mirror indistinctly,
but then [we will see] face to face. Now I
know in part, but then I will know fully – even
as I have been fully known. (1 Cor 13:12, AT)

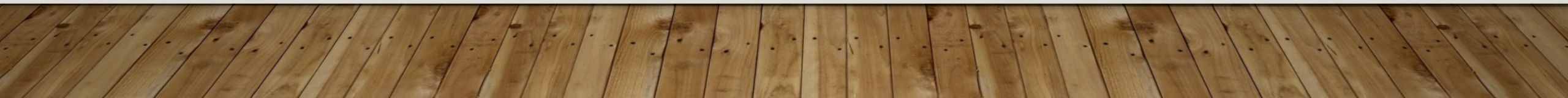




I CORINTHIANS 13:13
THREE REMAIN;
LOVE IS SUPREME



So now these three remain: faith, hope
[ἐλπίς | *elpis*], love. But the greatest of
these is love. (1 Cor 13:13, AT)





I CORINTHIANS 13:13
THREE REMAIN;
LOVE IS SUPREME



6 Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at **home in the body** we are **away from the Lord**. 7 For we **live by faith, not by sight**. 8 We are confident, I say, and would **prefer to be away from the body** and at **home with the Lord**. (2 Cor 5:6-8, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 13:13
THREE REMAIN;
LOVE IS SUPREME



For in this hope we were saved. But
hope that is seen is no hope at all.
Who **hopes** for what they **already**
have? (Rom 8:24, NIV)





I CORINTHIANS 13:13
THREE REMAIN;
LOVE IS SUPREME



Israel, **put your hope** [ἐλπίζω | *elpizō*] in the LORD [YHWH]
both now and forevermore.

(Ps 131:3, NIV)

