

Bible Summary -I Cor. 13:4-8

Love does not boast

I Cor. 13: 4-8 is a well-known passage Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the characteristics of love, one of which is that love “does not boast.” To boast is to ascribe or assign glory to someone or something. Boasting in ourselves can take many forms: speaking proudly, complaining, making excuses, taking part in gossip, judging others, even silent boasting. It is a symptom of sin, rooted in envy and pride. To combat this, we should draw near to Jesus so we can be transformed into his image, going from glory to glory. If we boast at all, we should boast in Christ alone.

Scriptures: I Cor. 13:4-8, 1 Corinthians 1:12-13, 1 Corinthians 6:7, 1 Corinthians 12:31, 1 Corinthians 1:31, 2 Thessalonians 1:4, 1 Corinthians 4:7, 1 Corinthians 4:19-20, Romans 12: 12-31, Jeremiah 9:23-24, 2 Corinthians 3:18

Bible Questions and Application

(These are here as an aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** question listed.)

1. After listening to today’s message, are there areas in your life you didn’t realize you were boasting?
2. What does it mean to boast in the Lord instead of in ourselves? (Jer. 9:23, 24)
3. Remembering that our gifts are from God helps us have a proper perspective on serving.
 - a. Do I think the way I serve God is more (or less) important than the way others serve God?
 - b. How can I be happy serving in whatever capacity God has called me to?
4. What are some practical ways you are battling entitlement (taking credit for what God has given me) in yourself or in your family?
5. Do you ever find yourself making a big deal out of what you’re doing to get noticed? How can this be a form of boasting?
6. “Whatever you glory in, you will make sacrifices to.” Take a moment to evaluate where you invest your time, resources, and energy. Does it boast/glorify in the Lord? If not, what are some adjustments you need to make?