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Secrets to a Successful Marriage

**COMMIT TO  
SELFLESS LOVE**

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# 1 Corinthians Outline

**1:1–9**

**Introduction**

**1:10–6:20**

**Paul Addresses His Concerns**

- Factiousness
- Sin was Tolerated
- Lawsuits Among Believers

**7:1–15:58**

**Paul Answers the Corinthians' Questions**

- Chapter 7 – Marriage
- Chapter 8-10 – Meat sacrificed to idols
- Chapter 11 – Proper conduct
- Chapter 12-14 – Spiritual gifts
- Chapter 15 – Resurrection

**16:1–24**

**Conclusion**

# 1 Corinthians 12–14

## 12:1–11      One Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7: But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

## 12:12–30      One Body

1 Corinthians 12:24b–25: . . . God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, <sup>25</sup>so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.

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## 14:1–19 Gift of Prophecy is Greater Than Gift of Tongues

1 Corinthians 14:1: Pursue love, yet **desire earnestly spiritual gifts**, but especially that you may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:12: So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.

## 14:20–40 The Proper Use of Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 14:26: What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

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**Care for others more than yourself.**

# Misunderstandings of Love

1. Physical attraction isn't love
2. Romantic feelings aren't love
3. Needing someone isn't love
4. Saying loving words isn't necessarily love
5. Loving actions aren't necessarily love

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# The Love of God

- **Initiated by Himself**

1 John 4:19: We love, because He first loved us.

- **Given to the underserving**

Romans 5:8: God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- **Compassionate**

Psalm 112:4: He is gracious and compassionate and righteous.

- **Demonstrated through action**

John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son. . .”

- **Self-sacrificing**

John 10:11: “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

## 1 John 4:7-11

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

<sup>9</sup>By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.