

# 1 CORINTHIANS

## *Correcting the Church*

### *“Spiritual Gifts, Part 3: A More Excellent Way”*

**INTRO:** Paul completed his discussion of the “unity in diversity” of spiritual gifts by promising to reveal “**a more excellent way**” to express and enjoy them. In one of the most beloved passages in all of Scripture, the Apostle Paul presents three reasons why love is “**a more excellent way.**”

- I. **Spiritual gifts are supernatural \_\_\_\_\_**  
**graciously given to the \_\_\_\_\_ for her spiritual**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ and proper \_\_\_\_\_.** *When the Church*  
*is properly employing spiritual gifts, there is blessing.*
  
- II. \_\_\_\_\_ **employment of spiritual gifts negates**  
**the \_\_\_\_\_ of their bestowal.** *How and why a gift*  
*is employed must be consistent with the purpose for its bestowal.*
  
- III. **Pursue \_\_\_\_\_ as the engine to properly \_\_\_\_\_**  
**and \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual gifts (13:1-13).** *Love is an*  
*action, not a feeling or an abstraction.*
  - A. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of love. *Love is absolutely*  
*necessary for any of the spiritual gifts to have eternal worth.*
  
  - B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love. *Like a diamond,*  
*when rotated in sunlight, love reveals a multi-faceted beauty.*
  
  - C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love. *Unlike love, none*  
*of the spiritual gifts were intended to last forever. Revelatory*  
*gifts (prophecy, knowledge, and tongues) became obsolete*  
*when the Bible was completed (Cf. James 1:22-25).*