

# The Missing Ingredient

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*Lecture Outline*

*Part 1 of 6*

- I. Introduction: Leaders are in the \_\_\_\_\_ business.
  - A. The m\_\_\_\_\_ ingredient
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. Leaders set the \_\_\_\_\_.

# Connecting Love and Leadership

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## II. Connecting Love and L\_\_\_\_\_

- A. Board elder tendencies
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Shepherd elder tendencies
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Why is this an important distinction?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- D. The results of leading with love

## III. Love: The More Excellent Way (I Cor. 13:1–3)

(I Cor.12:31; John 13:34–35; I John 3:16; I Corinthians 13:1–3)

- A. Without love, even heavenly language sounds a\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1).

# The More Excellent Way

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## IV. Love: The More Excellent Way (cont.)

B. Without love, knowing it all h\_\_\_\_\_ no one (I Cor. 13:2)

1. The pride of “rightness”

2. Doctrinal or ministry idolatry

3. Paul has a better way

4. We don’t want to have an idolatry that is as clear as ice, and twice as cold. We want to be warm and kind. It is a lot easier to be orthodox than loving.

C. Without love, risk-taking faith is w\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2b).

D. Without love, giving all one’s money to the poor is u\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3a).

E. Without love, the ultimate sacrifice of one’s life is p\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 3b).

# Character is Everything

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#### V. The Character and Behavior of a Loving Leader

*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. (1 Cor 13:4–6 ESV)*

##### Introduction

1. In Christianity, c\_\_\_\_\_ is everything.
2. Too often leaders across America and around the world have a tendency to live far b\_\_\_\_\_ our high calling.
3. We need to feed out souls. Elders need to be s\_\_\_\_\_. You can't be dependent upon sermonettes here and there on the radio.
4. The study of 1 & 2 Corinthians is a study of t\_\_\_\_\_ and d\_\_\_\_\_ on how a leader handles difficult situations.

##### A. Love is patient (v. 4)

*"And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all." (1 Thess. 5:14, emphasis added)*

*"preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." (2 Tim. 4:2, emphasis added)*

##### B. Love is kind (v. 4)

##### Practical ideas

# Love Promotes Others

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#### VI. The Character and Behavior of a Loving Leader (cont.)

*"... love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant" (1 Cor. 13:4b ESV)*

##### C. Love does not envy (v. 4)

1. Envy d\_\_\_\_\_ countless churches (I Cor. 3:3)
2. How do we know when envy is a problem?
3. Paul says, "Work together without envy."

##### D. Love does not boast (v. 4)

1. Boasting is a sinful preoccupation with \_\_\_\_\_.
2. We must guard building monuments to ourselves and against "s\_\_\_\_\_ obsession."
3. The Corinthians were boastful.
4. Christ is our life. Not the things we boast about ourselves. But him!
5. Boasting m\_\_\_\_\_ a leader's character.
6. Those who are possessed with Christ love to d\_\_\_\_\_ in focusing the attention on others and pushing others to center stage.

##### E. Love is not arrogant (v. 4)

1. Arrogance and self-importance is u\_\_\_\_\_ and is contrary to the example of Christ.

As redeemed sinners, what have we got to boast about? Isn't it true that everything we have, whether it is gifting or whether I am a good teacher comes from the Lord?

# Love in Shoe Leather

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#### VII. The Character and Behavior of a Loving Leader (cont.)

*[Love is not] ... rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth." (1 Cor 13:5-6)*

F. Love is not r\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5)

1. Rudeness in the local church
2. Rudeness in the Corinthian church
3. Rudeness in the life of a leader

G. Love does not i\_\_\_\_\_ on its own way (v. 5)

1. Selfishness and the apostles
2. Selfishness and Christian leaders
3. Selfishness in Western society
4. Selfishness in the Corinthian church

H. Love is not i\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5)

I. Love is not r\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 5)

J. Love does not rejoice in w\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6)

K. Love rejoices with the t\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 6)

Conclusion: Caring leaders live according to the "more perfect way" of love.