

1 Corinthians 13 for Teachers

If I teach with the best educational techniques, providing stimulating and motivational lessons,
but have not love,

I am but a time-wasting information processor.

If I spend hours preparing my lesson plans with the clearest instructional objectives,
but have not love,

I am just an over-organized ideologue.

If I utilize the most eye-catching visual aids and the latest classroom technology,
but have not love,

I am just a high-tech visionary.

A loving teacher is kind and patient with every student,
regards each student as an important individual,
and treats their personal problems with confidence.

A loving teacher does not merely talk at, but relates to, the students,
and provides a exemplary model of life to those in the classroom.

A teacher's love is not condescending,
does not play favorites,
does not gossip,
does not publicly humiliate,
is not easily agitated or discouraged,
and does not blow-up or give-up on misbehaving students.

A teacher's love bears the responsibility of instruction,
Believes that student's minds should not be wasted,
Hopes that every student will achieve their potential,
and endures all disturbances in the process.

The latest text-books will soon be out-of-date.
Contemporary teaching methods will become outmoded.
Educational technology is obsolete before we know it,
but a loving teacher can affect a student's life forever.

Now abideth preparation, instruction, and love,
But the greatest of these is a teacher's love
that seeks the highest good of the students.

~ Jim Fowler

1 Corinthians 13 for Students

If I listen and follow directions, respecting my teachers and school property,
but have not love,

I waste my time trying to gain knowledge.

If I work many hours in order to return my lessons on time,
but have not love,

I am just an overachieving perfectionist.

If I receive the highest educational award, and pass all my classes with A's
or better,

but have not love,

I am but a knowledgeable person with no wisdom.

A loving student is kind and patient with every classmate,
regards each teacher with honor and appreciation.

A loving student not only listens to the teachers
and principals of the school, but speaks kindly
to them and of them, even when others don't.

A loving student is not rude,

does not wish all teachers were like his/her favorite,

does not gossip about the teachers,

does not get angry at extra homework,

does not blame the teacher when a lesson is hard to understand.

A student's love tries to patiently understand the lessons,

Believes the teacher truly has his/her student's best interest at heart,

Hopes each day will bring a new opportunity to learn something new,

and endures the times when learning is hard.

The highest score on a test will soon be forgotten.

The most elaborate science project soon be outdone.

The most knowledgeable answer soon seem archaic,

but a loving student can affect the legacy of a school forever.

Now abideth respect, diligence and love,

But the greatest of these is the student's love

that sought the good of his/her teachers, principals and classmates.

~ Kaylene Yoder