

VALUES AND EXPECTATIONS

1 CORINTHIANS 13 *If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.*

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The Mid-America Center for Ministry is an educational community where both students and faculty are expected to relate to each other with respect and courtesy, regardless of differences such as experience, theological perspective, age, gender identity, race or sexual orientation.

Members of the community acknowledge they will not always agree with each other, with the content of the classes, or with the choices individuals make in their own spiritual journeys.

In the midst of disagreement, each member of this learning community will be respectful of others. This respect entails:

- A commitment to accurately identify and understand others' feelings, thoughts, and behavior;
- A serious attempt to engage in creative conversation with others by:
 - Speaking honestly and courteously,
 - Listening carefully,
 - Contemplating prayerfully what has been said.

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