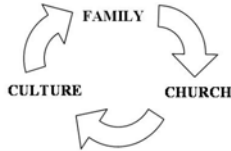


△ Glorifying CHRIST ...

□ ... lives of CREDIBILITY ...

○ ... love for the COMMUNITY., pt. 1

Glorifying Christ through lives of credibility and love for the community.



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Love the community of the church.

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What does LOVE for the COMMUNITY look like?

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THE PRACTICE OF LOVE

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1 Corinthians 13:6b, *“Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.”* (NIV)

Love puts truth above self.

1 Corinthians 13:7, “*It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*” (NIV)

Love puts commitment above self.

1 Corinthians 13:8a, “*Love never fails*” (NIV)

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THE PURPOSE OF LOVE

1 Peter 4:8, “*Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.*” (NIV)

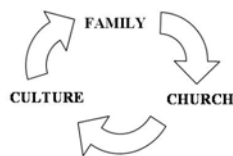
What is the greatest thing we have in this world . . . faith? . . . hope?

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Henry Drummond’s *The Greatest Thing in the World*

*I lived for myself, I thought for myself,
For myself, and none beside –
Just as if Jesus had never lived,
As if He had never died.*



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