

people have ever had, if we don't have love, it profiteth us nothing. What a tremendous thing this must be! How tremendously important!

We want to develop our faith and it is vital to develop our faith. We want to get the gift of speaking so that we can speak with the tongue of men and of angels. We want to get the gift of prophecy. We want to understand. We want to be able to interpret God's Word. We can't be true representatives of His if we don't. But if we have all this, and have not love, it profiteth us nothing, What does this mean? What is this love which he speaks of, what does this word mean?

Sometimes I have made the statement, "Next to my wife I love cauliflower ... laughter ... You gather from that that I like cauliflower better than most of you do. But we use the word love in that sense as something we like we enjoy. I just love a beautiful sunset. I just love mountain climbing. We love these things, but that's not what the word means. That certainly is using the word in a greatly reduced sense. It isn't simply that we who like - that's not what it means by love. That's a part of it, but there is much more to it than that. There is much in the Bible about the person saying he loves this one and then does nothing for him. ..(9).. in misery and says he loves them. It's silly. It's not reality. But, on the other hand, love is not simply doing something for others. Paul brings that out clearly further on in the chapter. He says in verse 3: "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned", though I give everything I could possibly do for God and for God's people, and have not love, "it profiteth me nothing". Love is not simply like. And love is not simply doing something for someone. The gift without the giver is dead. Both of these enter into it, but there's much more.

Every now and then there is written a story - a long story or a short story- in which this theme occurs that a man, a good man, through no fault of his own, finds himself in a situation among crooks in which there are plans made which will result in their gaining some advantage, but in his