

# 1 Corinthians

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1 Corinthians was written by Paul, like many of the other letters we are looking at. He set up the church and then continued on his travels but still wrote to the church in Corinth.

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## 1 Corinthians 13

Have you ever known someone who seems to have their life all figured out. They get really good grades, they have lots of friends, they always look good and on top of that they are a really nice person and spend time volunteering and looking out for other people. If you could give them a score out of 10 what would it be? 9, maybe even a 10. Now I'm not encouraging you to give people marks but it's just to get us thinking about what we think is important.

Paul reminds us in this part of 1 Corinthians that God's view is usually a topsy turvy view to ours. In God's eyes it's not important what we do but why we do it. He wants us to be motivated to do good things not because it is the right thing to do or that it makes us look good but because of love.

We can't go to school to learn how to love. When we invite God to be part of our lives we experience his love which is greater than anything we can imagine. We can then ask God to help us love too. As we let God change us our motivations change and start to become more like the description of love that Paul gives in the verses we read. Imagine what the world would be like if everyone acted in love, the perfect love of God that Paul describes. Imagine how it could change your life?

### Action

Read the verses again, concentrating on the description of what love is.  
Write a letter to God asking him to help you be more loving.  
Write about which aspects you find more difficult or challenging.

Put the letter in an envelope in a safe place. Put a reminder on your phone for a couple of months' time and then open the letter to see how you have changed.