

**THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE
AND LOVE**

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This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom or the strong man boast of his strength or the rich man boast of his riches, 24 but let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 9:23-24

“How does it happen that we know so much and can do so much and live so badly.?”

-Walker Percy

1. WISDOM for living.

There are five designated books of wisdom in the Old Testament. Psalms teach us how to pray. Proverbs teach us how to behave. Job teaches us how to suffer. Song of Solomon teaches us how to love and Ecclesiastes teaches us how to live.

Ecclesiastes 2:22 What does a man get for all the toil and anxious striving with which he labors under the sun? ... 24 A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God, 25 for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment?

26 To the man who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God.

2. THINGS THAT LAST

Matthew 6:19 Jesus said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

Things that do not last...

I Corinthians 13:8b But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.

11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.

12 Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

The most excellent way...

1Corinthians 12:31 And now I will show you the most excellent way...

1 Corinthians 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

3. PRETENDERS .

1 Corinthians 8:1 Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

4. Love is **MORE THAN A WORD.**

1 Corinthians 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

5. Love **NEVER FAILS**. 1Corinthians 13:8a

...these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. (1Cor. 13:13)

John 15:5 Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”