

Simply Childish

[**doing** less • **loving** more]

How does love respond to misplaced _____?

1 Corinthians 13:8-13 *Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! 9 Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! 10 But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless. 11 When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. 12 Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. 13 Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.*

The Thesis: Love is _____

Contrast: The _____ of temporal things are far less important than love

The Reason: they don't _____.

The Solution: _____.

Three verbs show the difference between _____ and _____: _____, _____, _____.

The Principle: _____ vision leads to _____, but _____ vision leads to _____.

1 John 3:2 *Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.*

LOVE RUTHLESSLY REFUSES TO ALLOW TEMPORAL “ _____ ” THINGS TO CROWD OUT THE ETERNAL “ _____ ” THINGS.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 *You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

- in what ways have some good activities kept you from the best investment of your life and energy?
- how do you need to grow up in your talking, thinking and reasoning in order to address misplaced priorities? what might this look like practically?