

HIGHLANDS CHURCH

Deeds Without Love Are Worthless

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You can do everything right and have every resource, but without love as your motivator, your service is worthless — like a noisy gong or clanging cymbal.

1 Corinthians 13:1

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You can do everything. You can do everything right. You can do everything God asks of you. But if all you're doing is doing it and you are void of love, he's going to say you are nothing.

at 4:01

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The Corinthians elevated showy gifts like tongues, prophecy, and knowledge above others, but God never gave gifts for self-exaltation — He gave them to build up the church.

1 Corinthians 12:7

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God cares more about the why than the what. And that's Paul's whole argument here. God cares about your heart. God wants you to do the right thing because you love him and you love his church.

at 15:08

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God cares more about the 'why' behind our service than the 'what' — serving out of obligation or guilt rather than love misses the entire point.

Isaiah 1:13-14

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If you're serving out of obligation because you feel like you have to. Take a break. Come up here and bang on that symbol for a half hour. It's way more fun than what you're doing. And it's just as useful.

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Love is the only eternal virtue; prophecy, tongues, and knowledge will pass away when 'the perfect' — Jesus Christ — returns and we see God face to face.

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

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Don't give me your list of what you did. I have one question for you. What do you believe about Jesus?

at 27:47

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Salvation is not earned by accumulating deeds but received through faith in Jesus Christ, and our eternal reward is measured by what was done from genuine love.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15

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There is no greater joy than operating in the Spirit and using what God has given us to build up those around us.

at 34:10