

THE SPIRITUAL MATURITY TEST
1 Corinthians 13
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Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. - 1 Corinthians 1:7 (NIV)

The more “excellent way” is _____ (agape) (12:31-13:1)
If I speak with the tongues of mankind and of angels, but do not have love (agape)... - 1 Corinthians 13:1 (NASB)

“For God so loved (agape) the world, that He gave His only begotten Son... - John 3:16 (KJV)

Love: agape - generosity, kindly concern, devotedness; (MCED)
...it is God's willful direction toward man. It involves God doing what He knows is best for man and not necessarily what man desires.
John 3:16 (CWSBD)...an attitude of appreciation and care for someone...especially as resulting from a conscious evaluation and choice; used of divine and human love, loving concern, high regard (ALGNT)

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unproductive. - 1 Corinthians 14:14 (NASB)

If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. - 1 Corinthians 13:3 (NIV)

Paul's Point: Gifts do _____ make me more _____

Agape Love Defined: (vv.4-7)

Paul warns against _____ (v.4)
not arrogant (NASU) Proud (NIV) Puffed Up (KJV)
doesn't have a swelled head (Mess)

fusiooo: to inflate, blow up, blow out, to cause to swell up (Thayer's)

(v.5)

It is not rude (unbecomingly NASB95), it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs - 1 Corinthians 13:5 NIV

Rude/unbecomingly: refers to activity in defiance of social and moral standards (NIV Life App Comm)

Sometimes agape love means I have to _____,
but it also means I don't _____,
...it keeps no record of wrongs - 1 Corinthians 13:5 (NIV)

Unlike spiritual gifts, agape love is _____ (v.8)
Love (agape) never ends... - 1 Corinthians 13:8 (ESV)

Spiritual gifts are _____ but will continue until the _____ comes (vv.8-10)

Who or what is the “Perfect”? _____

What will be different when the Perfect comes? (v.12)

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. - 1 Corinthians 13:12 (NASB)

When The Perfect/Jesus comes we will

See _____ to _____ (v.12)

Know _____ (v.12)

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My Personal Spiritual Maturity Test:

_____ is patient, _____ is kind and is not jealous;
_____ does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; _____ does not seek his/her own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- 1 Corinthians 13:4 -7 (NASB95)