

## WINNING

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### 1. The BIG WIN . . . once again

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“By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples,”  
John 15:8

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“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.  
Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends,”  
John 15:12-13.

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“You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear  
fruit . . . This I command you, that you love one another,” John 15:16a, 17

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The goal of life is to glorify God which is done as we bear spiritual fruit.

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### 2. It looks like winning

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“If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love . . .” 1 Corinthians 13:1a

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“I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal,” 1 Corinthians 13:1b

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“And if I have the gift of prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all  
faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love . . .” 1 Corinthians 13:2a

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“I am nothing,” 1 Corinthians 13:2b

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“And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do  
not have love, it profits me nothing,” 1 Corinthians 13:3

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Any act of sacrifice may or may not be an act of love.

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“When therefore you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the  
synagogues and in the streets, that they may be honored by men.  
Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full,” Matthew 6:2

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### 3. Defining the BIG WIN

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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control . . .” Galatians 5:22-23

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The best way to glorify God is to become more like Him.

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As we get older, we should become more like Jesus.

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2-3 . . . applies somewhat

5 . . . applies completely

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1. God’s grace enables me to forgive people who have hurt me.

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2. I rejoice when good things happen to other people

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3. I frequently give up what I want for the sake of others.

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4. I demonstrate love equally toward all people.

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Not perfection but progression.