

# Charity

*“<sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.”*

*(1 Corinthians 13:2 KJV)*

*Let us remember charity, and live to be charitable to the people who are living with us and who are around us.*

*Paul gave hard teaching here and made things it might hard to grasp to the first instance but if you go further and read then you find it well explained.*

*It is not about what you are doing and what you are planning to do or about what you can do. It is not about giving money or food. It is not about willing to be persecuted and even burned for the sake of Christ. But it is about*

*1- Your character and how you apply the new character that you have in Christ Jesus to relate to the people and how to build your relationship with them to be a blessing to them.*

*2- Your motive behind all what you are doing and what is your purpose of that. You might be willing to give in order to boast. You might be willing to suffer in order to revenge or just to prove yourself right.*

*Charity can be determined with the following factors:*

*“<sup>4</sup> Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,<sup>5</sup> Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;<sup>6</sup> Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;<sup>7</sup> Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.<sup>8</sup> Charity never faileth.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-8 KJV)*

*All the above criteria we should meet to have true charity:-*

- 1- Charity suffereth long*
- 2- Charity is kind;*
- 3- Charity envieth not;*
- 4- Charity vaunteth not itself,*
- 5- Charity is not puffed up,*
- 6- Charity doth not behave itself unseemly,*
- 7- Charity seeketh not her own,*
- 8- Charity is not easily provoked,*
- 9- Charity thinketh no evil;*
- 10- Charity rejoiceth not in iniquity,*
- 11- Charity rejoiceth in the truth;*
- 12- Charity beareth all things,*
- 13- Charity believeth all things,*
- 14- Charity hopeth all things,*
- 15- Charity endureth all things.*
- 16- Charity never faileth:*

*Let us examine ourselves in the light of the above Scripture and see where we are.*

*As we examine ourselves let us put down what we lack of items of charity:*

- 1-*
- 2-*

- 3-*
- 4-*
- 5-*
- 6-*
- ...*

*Let us work out with God's Word and with the Help of the Holy Spirit and prayers to change our characters and motives so we can meet charity factors and be blessed and become a blessing to others as we agree to pray.*

## My Prayer

*Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Thank you for your Word that confronted me with new thing that I need and I lack in my life. Lord helps me to gain the following items of \_\_\_\_\_ charity. Lord I commit myself to be diligent and serious to change my character, attitude and motive that will be similar to you. Help me to achieve that. Give me more of your grace to be changed and be like you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.*

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# The Lord Is My Shepherd

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*“<sup>8</sup> Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.<sup>9</sup> For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.<sup>10</sup> Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.”*

**(Romans 13:8-10 KJV)**

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