

1 Corinthians 13 in Reverse

- A. *1 Corinthians 13* is a beautiful passage of God-breathed Scripture that calls us to walk in the “*more excellent way*” of love. One of the best ways to summarize this sort of love is _____.
- B. If we look at it in reverse, we quickly discover that it doesn’t have the same beautiful ring to it.

If I speak the language of selfishness, I am speaking the language of this _____ and of rebellious _____; there are plenty of noisy gongs and clanging cymbals that speak this language. And if I had prophetic powers, and understood all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I had all faith, so as to remove mountains, but I live from a heart of selfishness, I am _____. If I say that I would give away all that I have, and I would deliver up my body to be burned, but am inwardly self-centered, I _____ nothing.

Selfishness is _____ and _____;

a self-centered heart is full of _____ and _____;

self-centeredness reveals itself in _____ and _____.

Selfishness insists on its _____ way;

a self-centered mind will lead me to be _____ and _____;

self-centeredness has no qualms about celebrating _____ or mocking what is _____.

Selfishness is _____ and _____-skinned;

a self-centered spirit provokes me to be thoroughly _____, always _____,

and consistently willing to give _____, give _____, and walk away

from what matters _____.

Selfishness will be brought to a shameful, disgraceful _____...

For now, pettiness, bitterness, and hatred abide in this world; but the temporary root of all this rotten fruit is _____. (*1 Worldliness 13*)