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## **Love - Chapel**

1 – Today's characteristic of Successful People and Successful Teams is Love.

Definition – “to seek another’s best interest at one’s personal cost.”

- The most successful people love their families.
- The most successful people love their coworkers.
- The most successful people love their teammates.
- The most successful people love their careers.
- The most successful teams/companies/organizations love each other.
- They seek the others’ best interest at their own cost.

2 – Here are some questions we should consider.

- Will such love characterize our team?
- On a 1 to 10 scale, how much do you love your teammates?
- What costs would you be willing to pay to see your team achieve everything of which is it capable?

3 – We find a powerful description of this kind of unconditional, sacrificial love in the Bible at I Corinthians 13:4-8a. (Read the text aloud.)

4 – There are three big ideas here:

- How love is expressed toward others.
  - o Patient and kind.
  - o Not jealous / bragging / arrogant.
  - o Will you be patient and kind toward your teammates or will you be jealous of them, brag about yourself and arrogantly put others down?
- How love is expressed in values.
  - o Love does not act unbecomingly. It is respectful.
  - o Love does not seek its own. It is selfless.
  - o Love is not provoked. It is under control.
  - o Love does not hold a grudge. It is forgiving.
  - o Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness. It is pleased when people do the right thing.
  - o Will your heart-felt values find expression in ways that bring the best out of your

teammates?

- How love is expressed in absolute terms.
  - o Love bears all things. It perseveres in adversity.
  - o Love believes all things. It sees the potential in others.
  - o Love hopes all things. It expects the best from others.
  - o Love endures all things. It refuses to quit on others.
  - o Love never fails. Never, it is always the right thing to do.

5 – When I say, “I love you.” This is exactly what I mean.

- When your coaches say they love you, this is what they mean.
- When the Lord Jesus whispers, “I love you,” in your ear, this is what He means.

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### **Bible Reference:**

1 Corinthians 13



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