1. (v.1-3) Spiritual gifts were not given for personal use but are for building up the body of Christ through love.

2. (v.4-7) If through our obedience to God’s Word we bring our hearts and minds into subjection to Him over and above our feelings and circumstances, we will be better able to exhibit love.

3. (v.8-10) The gifts are for here and now; we cannot make up for lost opportunities of love later.

4. (v.11-12) Since knowledge from our earthly point of view is incomplete, faith makes up the difference through the application of love.

5. (v.13) Everything is derived from biblical love – not the other way around.