Sunday, May 20th, 2018 Pastor Audie Clairmont

1 Corinthians 13:4-5-KJV

Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly...

1. Love... "Charity...vaunteth not itself..." This word comes from the Greek word perpereuomai, per-per-yoo'-om-ahee - which means - <u>a</u> <u>lot of self-talk, braggert</u>

Passion - Love does not brag about one's achievements... nor inflate its own importance.

2 Corinthians 12:6-Passion

6 However, if I were to boast, it wouldn't be ridiculous at all, <u>for I</u> <u>would be speaking the truth.</u> Yet I will refrain, lest others think higher of me than what I demonstrate with my life and teaching.

Agape isn't a <u>self-focused</u> love — it is focused on <u>giving of itself</u> in order <u>to meet other people's needs.</u>

2. Love... "Charity is...not puffed up." The Greek word phusio, which means - to be proud, to be swollen, or to be inflated.

1 Corinthians 4:6-AMP

...that none of you may be *puffed up and inflated with pride* and boast in favor of one [*minister and teacher*] against another.

1 Corinthians 4:19-EMTV

But I will come to you quickly, if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are *puffed up*, but the power.

ERV - ...Then I will see if these *proud talkers* have the power to do anything more than talk.

Passion - ... I will find out not only what these <u>arrogant ones</u> are saying, but <u>also if they have power to back up their words!</u>

1 Corinthians 5:2-EMTV

2 And you are *puffed up*, and have not rather grieved, so that he who did this deed would be removed from your midst.

Passion - ...Shouldn't this heartbreaking scandal bring you to your knees in tears? You must remove the offender from among you!

1 Corinthians 8:1- NKJV

1 We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge *puffs up*, but love edifies.

Passion - ...How easily we get <u>puffed up</u> over our opinions! But <u>love</u> builds up the structure of our new life.

3. Love...Charity - "doth not behave itself unseemly...."

aschemoneo, as-kay-mon-eh'-o...an old word that means to act in an unbecoming/inappropriate manner.

Colossians 1:10-AMP

10 That you may walk (live and <u>conduct yourselves</u>) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing...

Passion – 10 We pray that <u>you would walk in the ways of true</u> <u>righteousness</u>, pleasing God <u>in every good thing you do.</u>