

Daily Devotion For December 20, 2021

“Now, faith, hope and **love**, these three remain, but the greatest of these is **love.**”

Yesterday Nancy Ichiuji Wooding lit the 4th Advent Candle which symbolizes the **Love** that can be found by being in a relationship with Jesus. The following is a reflection on I Corinthians 13, the Love chapter in the bible which I hope will speak to your heart.

If I decorate my house perfectly with lovely plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights, and shiny glass balls, but do not show love to my family, I’m just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals, and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I’m just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home, and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and sing in the choir’s cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn’t envy another home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn’t yell at the kids to get out of your way.

Love doesn’t give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can’t.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things.

Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust. But giving the gift of love will endure.

Thought For Today: How is your focus during advent? Perhaps today is a good time to evaluate your “love life”.

Today’s Prayer Focus: Take time to review the updated prayer fuel. Deo Volente.