

Living & Loving through Disagreement
~Principles from 1st Century Christian Conflict~
Knowledge vs. Love, 1 Corinthians 8:1-3
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Principle #3 – Knowledge Puffs Up; Love Builds Up

Pride-filled (“puffed up”) knowledge is a dangerous attitude of the heart that can be used as a weapon to turn our disagreements into division. Love, however, can show us how to live through disagreements and unify us. Division leaves scars but love heals. Choose love.

God’s Story— Knowledge vs. Love, 1 Corinthians 8:1-3

4 things Paul teaches us from 1 Corinthians 8:1-3

1. Knowledge Puffs Up
 - Proverbs 16:18 & 13:10 – where pride takes us
 - Philippians 3:4-8 – Paul’s experience
2. Love Builds Up
 - 1 Corinthians 13:2 – the need for love
 - Philippians 2:3-4 – the action of love
3. You Don’t Know Everything
 - 1 Corinthians 13:11 – with maturity we learn how to use knowledge with love
4. Being Known by God is Way More Important than Our Knowledge
 - Galatians 5:6-7 – when we love God we are known by God and adopted as His sons and daughters

Big Idea: Your scars don’t define you; Jesus’ scars do.
Our nation needs healing. We are the body of Christ.
Let’s get to work.

Big Challenge: Read 1 Corinthians 13 each day this week and love a neighbor.