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## Lost in Translation

### **1) For the Christ-follower, it all begins and ends with love.**

*“You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”*

**Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)**

*Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.*

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)**

### **2) Love seeks to understand. Understanding starts with caring enough to listen.**

*You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. **James 1:19 (NLT)***

*Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions.*

*Fools’ words get them into constant quarrels; they are asking for a beating. The mouths of fools are their ruin; they trap themselves with their lips.*

*Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.*

*Intelligent people are always ready to learn. Their ears are open for knowledge.*

*The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.*

**Proverbs 18:2, 6-7, 13, 15, 21 (NLT)**

### **3) Christ-followers should edify, not vilify.**

*Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.*

**Romans 14:19 (NKJV)**

**Edify: Latin root means to build up, to make stronger.**

*So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.* **Romans 14:19 (NLT)**

*Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.* **Philippians 2:4-5 (NLT)**