

What kind of pier holds up and supports no matter what?

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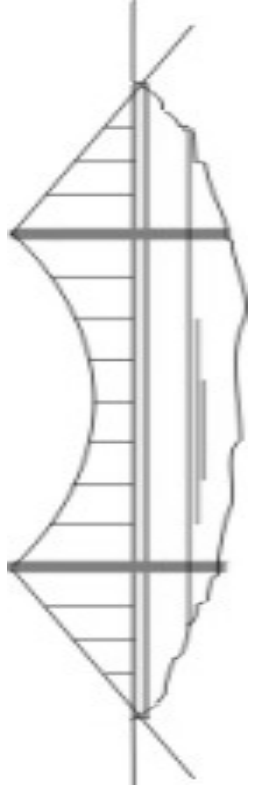


People who are not connected with God do not need to go to _____. We need to go to _____ and _____ them as _____ does!

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Live as a fulltime _____!

THIS BRIDGE



2010 – The Year of Building



What is the purpose of the pillars or piers of a bridge?
To provide the structural _____ that will _____ the decking that actually enables _____ safe passage over obstacles.

Do we hold up and support “The Bridge” that connects people to God? Or do we hold back and obstruct people from getting to God?

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HOLDING UP LOVE



Love has often been called the _____ system of the _____ Body of Christ.

¹If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. ³If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. ⁴Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. ⁸Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! ⁹Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! ¹⁰But when full understanding comes, these partial things will become useless. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. ¹²Now we see things imperfectly as in a cloudy mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. ¹³Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. ~ 1 Corinthians 13 (NLT)

LOVE IS NOT (13:1-3)

1. Fancy _____ – 13:1 (Tongues/Churchese)
2. Profound _____ – 13:2a (Prophecy/Intellect)
3. Extreme _____ – 13:2b (Miracles/Mysticism)
4. Perceived _____ – 13:3 (Giving/Asceticism)

LOVE IS (13:4-7)

1. Patient
2. Kind
3. Not jealous
4. Not boastful
5. Not proud
6. Not rude
7. Does not demand its own way
8. Not irritable
9. Keeps no records of wrong
10. Does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out
11. Never gives up
12. Never loses faith
13. Is always hopeful
14. Endures through every circumstance

Regardless of the unique SHAPE that God has given you (spiritual gifts, heart, abilities, personality, experiences), He demands that you live in _____ towards others!



How do we treat most people in life (in the House or outside of this House)?

Communication Card:

“What kind of things are turn-offs to non-Christians?”

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