





PRAY





GIVE YOUR ATTENTION





BE A GOOD ROLE MODEL







If I speak in the language of rappers or YouTubers, but do not have love, I am only a drum kit being bashed by a frustrated 12 year old.

If I have the gift to know when Prime will be in stock or how to get a million subscribers, and if I can get young people to behave in their lessons, but do not have love, I am irrelevant.

If I give all the sweets I have and run a youth club every night of the week so I can show what a great youth worker I am, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love waits when the young person is late (again), love smiles when it wants to tear its hair out.

It does not long for the amazing youth budget of the church down the road, it does not flaunt how many young people come to its youth club, it is not believing the young person who became a Christian did it because it did a good job.

It doesn't speak badly of the young person who, to be honest, it wished had stayed at home, it does not choose the easy option, it keeps its temper when the football breaks the church hall window, it does not keep a record of bad behaviour in the register. Love doesn't feel *just a little bit pleased* when someone falls off the chairs that it told them 10 times to get down from because it is dangerous, but jumps for joy when the young lad who broke the window with the football comes to tell it and says sorry.

It always safeguards, always trusts the other youth leaders will turn up on time, always hopes the young people will turn up at all, always keeps going.

Love always wins. Amen