



1. Who is the writer and/or speaker ?
2. When was it written and/or said ?
3. To whom was it written and/or spoken ?
4. What are the major natural divisions ?
5. What is the repeated key word ?
6. What simple sentence sums it all up ?
7. What is an application to my life today ?

Analysis of words in 1st Corinthians 13

1Cor13 Word analysis (Greek) :

# in Strongs		times used	most frequent translation in English
G26	9	love (agapé)	
G1161	10	but	
G3756	8	not	
G3956	8	all	
G2192	5	have	
G3516	5	not able to speak	
G1437	4	except	
G1537	4	out	
G2579	4	if	
G2673	4	useless	
G3313	4	portion	

NASB Word analysis of the same text :

I	14
NOT	11
BUT	10
LOVE	9

ALL		8
IF	8	
HAVE		7
DOES		5
IN	5	
OF	5	
THINGS		5
TO	5	
WILL		5
AWAY		4
BE	4	
CHILD		4
KNOW		4

Conclusion :

The most frequently used words give the subject : "But not love".

This text contains more negative statements than positive ones.

The lack of love AND what love is not, reveals a need.

There are NO imperative verbs. The application is left to the reader.

Natural divisions by frequent use of certain words :

vs1-3 Have love

vs4-8a Love is not

vs8b-12 I will know

v13 Love

Some questions to ask this text :

- 1) How should we love ?
- 2) How can we recognize a lack of true love ?
- 3) How is knowledge limited ?
- 4) How important is love ?

“There is only one interpretation, but many applications” :

- 1) Do I have love ?
- 2) Is my love true love ?
- 3) Have I grown up in love ?
- 4) Is loving a priority in my life ?
- 5) etc.