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 ?

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**Study questions for 1st Corinthians 13**

vs 1-3 The word “if” (NASB translation of Greek ἐάν) is used 5 times in these verses and never again in what follows. This makes a natural division in the text. Of what type are the first 3 “if” conditions ? Of what type are the 2 last ?

vs 4-7 The verb “is” appears 2 times, but “is not” appears 8 times to define love. How can we best recognize true love ?

vs 8-10 This says plainly that the gifts of prophecy, speaking in tongues, knowledge were limited in time. When would they be “done away” ? What thing (the Greek “το” is neuter, not masculine nor feminine) would come and make these three gifts obsolete ?

vs 11-13 To everything there is a time. The Bible is like a mirror according to James 1v23 and 2 Corinthians 3v18, but the Old Testament was dim without the New Testament. Where can we look to see Christ clearly ? Why are faith, hope and love singled out at the end of this chapter ?