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VIII. Living Out the Truth of the Gospel

Rom 12:3-15:13

Part 2: Rom 12:9-21 - "What Love in Action Looks Like" - Key verse: 12:1

- 1. Love must be sincere** (w/o hypocrisy). See e.g., Exd 23:4-5; Lev 19:18
 - a. Hate ("abhor/detest") **what is evil, cling** (like "glue") **to what is good.**
 - b. **Be devoted to one another in love** ("fraternal affection").
 - c. **Honor one another above yourselves** (Php 2:1-4; 1 Pet 1:22).
 - d. **Never be lacking in zeal** ("diligence, earnestness, eagerness"), **but keep your spiritual fervor**, (i.e., in your service to God, be "all in." The term fervor could mean to keep your spirit "hot, at a boil") **serving the Lord.**
Love is an applied commitment
- 2. Be joyful in hope** ("anticipation"), **patient in affliction, faithful** ("continuing") **in prayer** (e.g., Col 4:2; 1 Ths 5:17).
 - a. **Share with the Lord's people who are in need** (*Do they matter to you?*) See Heb 13:16; 1 Jhn 3:16-18.
 - b. **Practice** ("follow after, pursue") **hospitality** ("love, kindness toward strangers," Mtt 25:31-46; Heb 13:2).
Love for others is inseparably linked to love for, and trust in God
- 3. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.** (e.g., Lke 6:27-36; 23:34; Act 7:60)
 - a. **Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn** ("weep") **with those who mourn.**
 - b. **Live in harmony** ("mind the same things") (Php 2:1-4) **with one another.**
 - Do not be proud ("*having an exalted opinion of one's self*"), but be willing to associate with people of low position ("humble circumstances"). (Prv 3:7, 26:12; Isa 5:21, Jas 2:1-13)
 - Do not be conceited ("impressed with one's own wisdom")

c. Do not repay anyone evil for evil (1 Pet 3:8-12).

- Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. (*“provide right things,” the idea here being to think ahead about how to do what is honorable/right - e.g., 2 Cor 8:21*)
- If [it is] possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. (Heb 12:14)
- Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: (Mtt 6:14-15; Eph 4:2; Col 3:13)
 - * “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord (Det 32:35).
 - * On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” (Prv 25:21-22)

d. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

To whom do you belong? Will you trust Him in all things?